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ACICA is delighted to announce that it has won the GAR Guide to Regional Arbitration Award for Arbitral Institution that Impressed at GAR's 14th annual awards ceremony held in Paris on 21 March 2024.

ACICA President, Georgia Quick, said: *ACICA has long been trusted to handle a growing number of large complex disputes involving parties from around the globe. This award recognises the culmination of years of effective case management, bright ideas, and hard work from the ACICA Secretariat, led by the tireless Deborah Tomkinson, the dedicated ACICA Board as well as the support and enthusiasm of the wider Australian arbitration community. It is an award we can all be proud of.*

In recent years, ACICA has achieved several important milestones:

- Receiving 100 arbitration case filings with a total value of over USD15.5 billion (AUD24 billion) in 2021.
- Releasing the 2021 ACICA Administered Arbitration Rules including provisions which reflect international best practice with a focus on effective and efficient proceedings.
- Gathering close to 1000 people in Sydney from across the world for ICCA Sydney 2018.
- Celebrating the 11th year of Australian Arbitration Week (AAW) in 2023 (held in Perth), which was the most well attended both in number and geographic diversity to date.
- Introducing important initiatives to further diversity, sustainability and accessibility (2023/2024):
 - Launch of the ACICA Diversity Committee (nominated for Equal Representation in Arbitration Pledge Award 2024)
 - Establishment of the ACICA Sustainability Taskforce (nominated for Campaign for Greener Arbitration Award for Sustainable Behaviour 2024)
 - Launch of the ACICA Pacific Island Practitioner Scholarship

ACICA Secretary-General, Deborah Tomkinson, commented: *This is an incredible honour for the institution and we are grateful for GAR's recognition of the significant work that ACICA undertakes to drive improvements across all aspects of the institution's work. We congratulate all those shortlisted in this category who represent the commitment, hard work and dedication it takes to provide high quality case management, to provide thought leadership, and to build arbitration communities across the world.*

Judith Levine, ACICA Vice-President, was present in Paris to collect the Award.

ACICA is grateful for the efforts of many people including those in the Secretariat: Deborah Tomkinson, Kiran Sanghera, Caroline Swartz-Zern, Erika Williams, Christian Santos, Madeleine Buffard, and on its Board: Georgia Quick, Judith Levine, Gitanjali Bajaj, Jonathon Redwood SC, Martin Cairns, Brenda Horrigan, Ian Govey AM, Joshua Paffey, Nick Longley, Elizabeth Macknay, as well as those who support the focused work of its committees, and its valued members.

ABOUT ACICA

Established in 1985, ACICA's objective is to facilitate the efficient resolution of commercial disputes in Australia and internationally by arbitration, with the aim of delivering expediency and neutrality of process, enforceability of outcome and commercial privacy to parties in dispute. ACICA maintains sets of arbitration and mediation rules under which administrators these processes. ACICA can also acts as an appointing authority. In 2011, ACICA was designated by the Australian government as the sole default appointing authority competent to perform the arbitrator appointment functions under the amended *International Arbitration Act 1974* (Cth).

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