

# ACICA Commences Rules Revision Process

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ACICA has re-constituted the ACICA Rules Committee to commence the review of the 2021 ACICA Arbitration Rules and ACICA Expedited Arbitration Rules (2021 Rules).

The members of the ACICA Rules Committee are:

**Lee Carroll**, Partner at White & Case, Melbourne  
**Darren Fitzgerald**, Honorary Associate Professor at the Australian National University & Principal at Fitzgerald Lawyers, Canberra & Hong Kong  
**Nick Gallus**, Principal at LK Law, Adelaide  
**Emily Hay**, Managing Counsel at Arb Boutique, Brussels  
**Diana Kuitkowski**, Legal Director at Sydney Metro, Sydney  
**Lucy Martinez**, Independent Arbitrator and Counsel at Martinez Arbitration, UK & Brisbane  
**James Morrison**, Partner at Peter & Kim, Sydney (Chair)  
**Robert Tang**, Partner at Clifford Chance, Sydney  
**Duncan Watson KC**, Partner at Quinn Emanuel, Singapore  
**Tom Webb**, Barrister at Quayside Chambers, Perth  
**Diana Bowman**, Secretary-General at ACICA, Sydney (Ex-Officio Member)  
**Clémence Bernard**, Legal Executive at King & Wood Mallesons, Singapore (Secretary)  
**Christian Santos**, Counsel at ACICA, Sydney (ACICA Secretariat Representative)

The Committee will be chaired by **James Morrison**, Partner at Peter & Kim based in Sydney. James has this to say: *"I am excited to commence work on revising the 2021 ACICA Rules with such a stellar, diverse and motivated group of professionals. ACICA really has assembled the A-Team for this project. We have ambitious plans to build upon an already excellent product in the existing rules. We are aiming to take them to the next level to ensure ACICA remains a leading arbitral institution as it celebrates 40 amazing years of innovation in servicing parties."*

ACICA has conducted a review of its rules every five years since 2011 to ensure they reflect international best practice and continue to exceed user expectations.

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The 2021 Rules introduced amendments relating to the enhanced oversight of costs, time limits for the delivery of awards, virtual hearings, paperless filing and electronic execution, multi-party and multi-contract arbitrations, effective case management, third party funding, the early determination of disputes, and the use of alternative means of dispute resolution.

The revision process will continue to build on ACICA's established practice of providing an effective, efficient and fair arbitral process.

Since 2011 to date, ACICA has handled 151 administered arbitrations with a total value of AUD\$25.5 billion (USD\$16.6 billion). 56 of those cases have been administered under the 2021 Rules demonstrating the increased use of ACICA arbitration in recent years.

**Diana Bowman**, ACICA Secretary-General and ex-officio member of the Rules Committee comments: *"ACICA is fortunate to have such an exceptional group of experts on the Rules Committee, guided by James' dynamic leadership. I look forward to seeing the solutions they develop to anticipate user needs and to ensure ACICA remains at the forefront of best practices for arbitral procedure. The 2021 ACICA Rules are already widely recognised as being modern and innovative, and I have no doubt that the next revision will build on this strong foundation."*

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### **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 administers these processes. ACICA can also act 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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