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The Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) is pleased to announce the appointment of four new members to the Board of Directors:

- Professor Chester Brown SC, Barrister, 7 Wentworth Selborne and Essex Court Chambers, and Professor of International Law and International Arbitration, University of Sydney
- Kanaga Dharmananda SC, Barrister, Quayside Chambers, and Adjunct Professor, University of Western Australia
- Julia Dreosti, Partner, Clifford Chance
- Jeremy Quan-Sing, Partner, Allens

The new Board members were elected at ACICA's Annual General Meeting held in late June 2025. Brenda Horrigan (Independent Arbitrator, Singapore) was also re-elected to the Board.

The incoming Board members bring a wealth of experience and expertise to ACICA. Judith Levine, ACICA President, comments: *"We are delighted to welcome Chester, Kanaga, Julia and Jeremy to the Board. Together they offer an incredible depth of legal and technical experience in international dispute resolution from across Australia and overseas, in private practice, public service, industry and academia. They will no doubt contribute to the continued growth of ACICA and the quality of its governance."*

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ACICA also extends its sincere thanks to the outgoing Board Members, who have dedicated their time and resources to drive the strategy and direction of ACICA and perform the decision-making functions under the ACICA Arbitration Rules:

- Georgia Quick, Immediate Past ACICA President and Partner, Ashurst
- Jonathon Redwood SC, Outgoing ACICA Vice President and Barrister, Banco Chambers and Twenty Essex
- Elizabeth Macknay, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer
- Cameron Hassall, Partner, Clifford Chance

In particular, ACICA acknowledges the immense contribution of Georgia Quick, who in 2024 completed a highly successful three-year tenure as ACICA President, following which she remained on the Board as Immediate Past President. During her time at ACICA, Georgia contributed significantly to ACICA's growth both in Australia and globally. ACICA also expresses its sincere gratitude to outgoing Vice-President, Jonathon Redwood SC, for his significant contribution to the Board, including through his work as Chair of the ACICA Legislative Committee and acting as Counsel for ACICA in *amicus curiae* interventions in the High Court of Australia.

Regarding the outgoing Board members, Ms. Levine has this to say: *"I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to the outgoing Directors of ACICA for their dedication, commitment and support to the institution and its initiatives during their term of office."* Diana Bowman, ACICA Secretary-General, adds: *"On behalf of the team at the ACICA Secretariat, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Board Members for their many years of service to ACICA and for the great contribution that they have made to ACICA and to the development of arbitration in Australia."*

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Nick Longley appointed Vice-President of ACICA

ACICA is delighted to announce that Nick Longley, co-head of HFW's International Arbitration Group, was appointed as Vice-President by the Board following ACICA's Annual General Meeting.

Nick will join the continuing Vice-Presidents, Gitanjali Bajaj (Partner, DLA Piper) and Joshua Paffey (Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth). Nick has over 35 years' experience and focuses on disputes relating to construction, major transport infrastructure and conventional and renewable energy projects. Of his appointment, Nick comments: *"I am honoured to be appointed as Vice-President of ACICA. Over the past few years, ACICA has established itself as one of the leading arbitration institutions, particularly for high value claims. I look forward to playing my part in ACICA's continued growth."*

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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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