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The Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) and our co-hosts, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia (Ciarb Australia) are delighted to invite you to the 2025 International Arbitration Conference: Revolutions and Solutions: Future-Proofing Arbitration.

Our one-day programme features a keynote address from The Honourable Andrew Bell, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of New South Wales, and will bring together eminent speakers from

around the globe in seven stimulating sessions covering:

- Around the world and back
- The weakest link: resolving disputes in disrupted supply chains and changing circumstances
- Fireside chat with Prof. Bernard Hanotiau: multi-party/multi-contract issues and modern challenges
- Tariffs and trade bans and sanctions, oh my! Is ISDS a solution?

- Currents of change: arbitrating in new fields, from crypto to cannabis to climate tech and beyond
- The sounds of silence: preserving integrity and efficiency when arbitration participants go silent (or go rogue)
- Revolutions and solutions: reflections across the generations

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TIME	SESSION	
08:20–08:50	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE/TEA	
08:50–09:05	WELCOME TO COUNTRY Melissa Stubbings, Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc.	
09:05–09:15	OPENING ADDRESS & INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Judith Levine, ACICA President and Independent Arbitrator	
09:15–09:35	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The Honourable Andrew Bell, Chief Justice of New South Wales, “AI in International Arbitration”	
09:35–10:35	SESSION ONE: Around the World and Back	Chair: Lucas Bastin KC , Essex Court Chambers, London/Sydney Panel: Jon Apted , Munro Leys, Fiji Domitille Baizeau , LALIVE, Geneva Shashank Garg , Senior Advocate, Delhi Sylvia Tee , Ashurst, Beijing/Hong Kong
10:35–10:55	MORNING TEA BREAK	
10:55–11:55	SESSION TWO: The weakest link: resolving disputes in disrupted supply chains and changing circumstances	Chair: Julia Dreosti , Clifford Chance, Adelaide/Perth Panel: Ashwita Ambast , Permanent Court of Arbitration, Singapore Tim Nelson , Skadden, New York/London Michael Polkinghorne , White & Case, Paris Leah Ratcliff , Santos Ltd, Adelaide
11:55–12:35	SESSION THREE: Fireside chat: multi-party/multi-contract issues and modern challenges	Premala Thiagarajan SC , List A Barristers, Melbourne, in conversation with Professor Bernard Hanotiau , Hanotiau Tossens Goldman, Brussels
12:35–13:35	LUNCH BREAK	
13:35–14:35	SESSION FOUR: Tariffs and trade bans and sanctions, oh my! Is ISDS a solution?	Chair: Monty Taylor , Tenth Floor Chambers, Sydney Panel: Lucy Martinez , Independent Arbitrator, Queensland Salim Moollan KC , Brick Court Chambers, Singapore Dr Elizabeth Sheargold , Monash University, Melbourne Dene Yeaman , Assistant Secretary, Trade and Investment Law Branch, Trade Law and Economic Security Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra
14:35–15:35	SESSION FIVE: Currents of change: arbitrating in new fields, from crypto to cannabis to climate tech and beyond	Chair: Amanda Lees , KWM, Singapore Panel: Emily Hay , ArbBoutique, Brussels Benjamin Hughes , Independent Arbitrator, Singapore/Seoul Jim Morrison , Peter & Kim, Sydney Tom Sprange KC , King & Spalding, London
15:35–15:55	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK	
15:55–16:55	SESSION SIX: The sounds of silence: preserving integrity and efficiency when arbitration participants go silent (or go rogue)	Chair: Boxun Yin , Banco Chambers, Sydney Panel: Simon Davis , Francis Burt Chambers, Perth Jo Delaney , HFW, Sydney Sarah Grimmer , Twenty Essex, Singapore Swee Yen Koh SC , Wong Partnership, Singapore
16:55–17:50	SESSION SEVEN: Revolutions and solutions: reflections across the generations	Chairs: Stephanie Brown , Office of International Law, Attorney-General's Department, Canberra Jay Tseng , Enyo Lawyers, Brisbane Panel: Hilary Heilbron KC , Brick Court Chambers, London The Hon. Wayne Martin AC KC , Francis Burt Chambers, Perth Kim Rooney , Rede Chambers, Hong Kong
17:50–18:00	CLOSING ADDRESS: Geoff Farnsworth, Ciarb (Australia Branch) President, Holding Redlich	
18:00–19:00	NETWORKING DRINKS	

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SPEAKERS

OPENING ADDRESS & INTRODUCTION TO KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Judith Levine
Independent Arbitrator
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The Honourable Andrew Bell
Chief Justice of New South Wales

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SESSION 1: Around the World and Back

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Lucas Bastin KC
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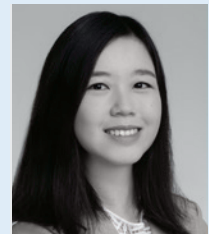
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SESSION 2: The weakest link: resolving disputes in disrupted supply chains and changing circumstances

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Julia Dreosti
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SESSION 3: Fireside chat: multi-party/multi-contract issues and modern challenges



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IN CONVERSATION WITH



Professor Bernard Hanotiau
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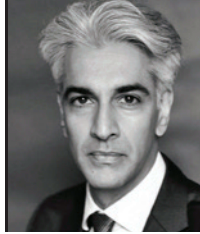


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SESSION 5: Currents of change: arbitrating in new fields, from crypto to cannabis to climate tech and beyond

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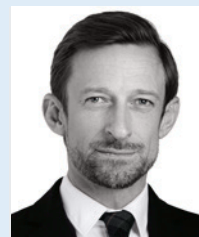
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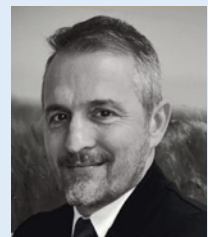
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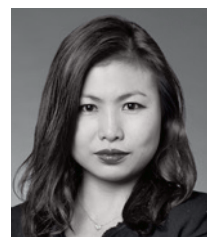
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SESSION 7: Revolutions and solutions: reflections across the generations

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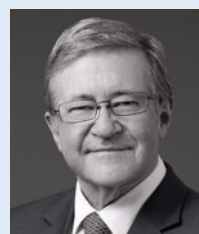
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Vote of Thanks to
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and Session One



Damian Sturzaker
Marque Lawyers, Sydney

Sessions
Two and Three



Diana Bowman
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Four and Five



Kristian Maley
Clifford Chance, Perth

Sessions
Six and Seven



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