

## CANDIDATURE STATEMENT OF CAROLINE KENNY QC

I currently serve as the President of the Australian branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and as such am involved in the strategic direction and activities of the branch. My previous roles include: Vice President, Chair of the Education Committee, Chair of the Australian Centenary Committee and Victorian State Convenor. I am proud of CI Arb's position as the world's oldest professional association dedicated to the development and advancement of Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") and representing nearly 16,000 practitioners worldwide. I am honoured to be nominated by the Australian branch as a candidate for President. As reflected in our publication, <https://issuu.com/theciarbaustrianews/docs/ciarb-newsletter-2017?e=14857822/43194050>, CI Arb Australia is a very active branch operating in a dynamic part of the global economy.

My vision is for CI Arb to maintain and build its market leadership across the ADR landscape by expanding into new industry sectors and jurisdictions. Central to this is its ability to connect with all relevant stakeholders. As President I would bring more than 30 years' experience as an international dispute resolver as well as extensive board experience. As CI Arb Australia President I have worked hard to raise the profile of arbitration by expanding the education program and forging strong links with government, the judiciary, business leaders, arbitral institutions and other key stakeholders. This has included initiating a joint venture between CI Arb Australia and the Federal Court of Australia to produce a series of seminars which have been broadcast in the Federal Court in all states across Australia. Now in their third year these seminars have developed strong bonds with key stakeholders in the ADR space and in doing so, have significantly raised the profile of CI Arb both in Australia and beyond.

CI Arb has much to be proud of in its 103 years of operation including that it continues to deliver the 'gold standard' in ADR training leading to a global accreditation. The Australian branch was the first to offer the Diploma Course outside the UK and for the past three years has delivered the course in a joint venture with the Hong Kong and Singapore branches (soon also to include Malaysia and Thailand) supported by the University of New South Wales. The APAC branches have also agreed to deliver an annual CI Arb conference with the first conference to be held next year in Singapore. This will be aimed at attracting younger members and will provide a unique opportunity for CI Arb members to share their experience

and knowledge in jurisdictions in the region under a unified CIArb banner. The Australian branch continues to deliver CIArb's training program in Australia by rolling out on an annual basis the Introduction Course, the Award Writing Course and the Accelerated Route to Fellowship Course.

I have worked hard to promote international arbitration and Australia as a seat by engaging with leading arbitrators around the globe. I supported the ICCA congress in Sydney in April 2018 by organising 'roadshows' and speaking engagements with the BIAC/BAC (the gold sponsor) in Hong Kong and Beijing as well as working closely with CIArb HQ to sponsor the spectacular Gala Dinner attended by over 800 delegates. For the past three years CIArb Australia has been a member of the organising committee with the Law Council of Australia and the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) which delivers the annual international arbitration conference held during Australian Arbitration Week. This is indisputably the most important international arbitration conference in Australia attracting delegates and speakers from around the globe. This year the branch will launch the CIArb Australia Annual Lecture at global law firm Allens Linklaters to be delivered by the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia, the Hon James Allsop AO.

Following agreements with other associations, this year CIArb Australia entered into an MOU with the Australian Bar Association, the peak body for Australian barristers, to work cooperatively in Australia and abroad to deliver ADR opportunities for our respective members. We have also initiated a range of social events for our members, including annual dinners and business lunches across Australia to attract a broader base beyond the membership, which have been extremely popular and for the most part 'sold out'. Building on CIArb's free student membership, the branch also offers support to students by organising a pre-Viz moot competition with the winners earning a place in the Introduction to Arbitration Course, an annual essay competition and employment opportunities.

If elected President, bringing all my experience within and beyond the Institute, I will actively deliver for CIArb and its stakeholders.

Caroline M Kenny QC  
CIArb Australia President

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