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Caroline Kenny QC awarded Chartered Arbitrator status

CI Arb Australia President, **Caroline Kenny QC** has been awarded **Chartered Arbitrator** status, the only woman in Australia to currently hold the prestigious rank which carries global recognition. An experienced international arbitrator and barrister, her ruling on jurisdiction was upheld by the Singapore High Court and led to new law on an arbitrator's right to determine jurisdiction even when the validity of the arbitration agreement was in dispute: *Malini Ventura v Knight Capital Pte Ltd* [2015] SGHC

Caroline Kenny QC said: "I am delighted and honoured to join the rank of Chartered Arbitrators. The Institute has been the market leader in the teaching and practice of arbitration for more than 100 years and its influence around the globe continues to grow. The Australian branch is proud of its efforts to promote the benefits of arbitration and with the help of headquarters in London has assisted Australia take its rightful place in the Asia Pacific region as a centre for excellence in international arbitration."

As reported by **Austrade** in 2018, international commercial arbitration is a vital part of doing business in the global economy, and effectively manages commercial relationships and risk.

The past decade has seen an increase in the use of the process, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region. This is largely due to the significant growth of the Australian and Asian economies and their increased participation in global commerce.

In March 2019, Australia and Indonesia signed the **Australia-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** and Australia and Hong Kong signed the **Australia-Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement (A-HKFTA)**. Both agreements make references to international arbitration.

Ms Kenny who has been appointed arbitrator to panels in China, America, Russia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia amplifies Austrade's findings.

Ms Kenny said: "International arbitration is increasingly the process of choice for global enterprises, be they commercial or state, to resolve disputes and mitigate risk. The Australian branch will continue to promote the benefits of international arbitration and Australia as a business dispute resolution destination."

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About Caroline Kenny QC

Caroline has over 30 years' experience as a barrister, arbitrator and mediator. She has practised in Australia, New York and London. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 2008.

Professional Experience

Caroline has appeared as counsel and/or arbitrator in ad hoc arbitrations and arbitrations conducted under the Rules of the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, UNCITRAL and KLRCA Rules. She has been appointed presiding arbitrator and/or sole arbitrator in international disputes involving multi-million dollar claims. Caroline is a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of the **Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)**; the **World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)**; the **Russian Arbitration Centre (RAC)**, the **Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC)**; the **Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)**, the **Pacific International Arbitration Centre (PIAC)**; the **Beijing Arbitration Commission (BAC)**; the **Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)**, the **International Centre for Dispute Resolution® (ICDR®)**, the international division of the **American Arbitration Association**; and the **Australian Energy Regulator (AER)**. In 2017 she was elected to the Victorian Bar Council. She is the President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Aust) Pty Ltd and is the Immediate Past Chair of the Education Committee. She is on the CI Arb London Approved Faculty List and has taught in the Award Writing Course, the Accelerated Route to Fellowship Course and Diploma Course in Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Oxford.

About CI Arb

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