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ICCA Sydney – Program Summary

Under the theme “Evolution and Adaptation,” the 2018 Congress of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA) will unite practitioners, academics, government representatives and judges in Sydney in April 2018. ICCA is a worldwide NGO devoted to promoting the use and improving the processes of arbitration, conciliation and other forms of resolving international commercial disputes. Its three-day, biennial Congress is widely regarded as the largest and most important conference in the international arbitration calendar. Panelists will include prominent judges and government officials alongside leaders and new voices in the field.

This year, the Congress will explore cutting-edge issues of relevance to all dispute resolution professionals with an interest in alternative forms of dispute resolution. The panels will be organized under the Congress theme of “Evolution and Adaptation,” which highlights arbitration as a “living” organism that has proven adaptable in the past to new substantive and practical challenges, and that today — under attack from various quarters — will need to demonstrate its adaptability again.

Multiple panels at the Congress will address the disruptive and facilitative powers of technology in dispute resolution. Sub-panels on artificial intelligence and cybersecurity will present the most up-to-date thinking in these emerging fields and their potential applications to dispute resolution. The Congress will also explore the relevance of public law issues in commercial contexts through a series of panels on public bodies and public interests. A panel on lessons that arbitration can learn from other dispute resolution frameworks will address recent innovations in efficiency and transparency adopted by commercial courts, specialized arbitration regimes, and other dispute resolution frameworks. Parallel panels will also focus on potential reforms to both commercial and investment arbitration in response to legitimacy concerns.

The closing plenary will focus on new frontiers and the potential for arbitration to provide a solution for new and emerging kinds of disputes. First addressing the potential of arbitration involving new types of claims, the plenary will explore how arbitration in the future might become a forum for resolving disputes under new international and national laws, implicating for example international policy and emerging norms on corruption, human rights, labour laws, health and safety, protection of indigenous peoples, and environmental commitments. The potential for arbitration involving new stakeholders, in turn, will explore the innovative use of arbitration agreements to provide a mechanism to enforce and protect the rights of all stakeholders affected by the underlying subject-matter of the dispute.

We look forward to seeing you in Sydney!

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Confirmed Keynote Speakers

We are delighted to advise the ICCA Community of the two confirmed Keynote speakers secured for ICCA 2018 Sydney.

Opening Keynote Speaker

The Honourable Justice Dr Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, Judge of the Supreme Court of India

Justice Chandrachud was appointed to the Supreme Court of India in May 2016, having previously served as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court from October 2013 to May 2016 and as Judge of the Bombay High Court from March 2000 to October 2013. Designated a Senior Advocate of the Bombay High Court in June 1998, he was the Additional Solicitor General of India from 1998 until his appointment as a Judge.

He graduated with a BA Honours in Economics from St Stephen's College, Delhi and completed his LLB from Delhi University. He has an LLM and Doctoral degree (SJD) from Harvard Law School. He was enrolled as an Advocate in July 1982, practising in the Bombay High Court and Supreme Court until 1988. He has extensive experience in civil, constitutional, administrative, arbitration, admiralty, company, tax, education and labour matters. He was a Visiting Professor of International Law at Oklahoma University School of Law, USA in 1984 and of Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Mumbai. He has delivered lectures at the Australian National University, Harvard Law School, Yale Law School and the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, and spoken at conferences organised by bodies of the United Nations including United Nations High Commission on Human Rights, International Labour Organisation and United Nations Environmental Program, the World Bank and Asian Development Bank.



Closing Keynote Speaker

Honourable Thomas F. Bathurst

Thomas Fredrick Bathurst was appointed Chief Justice of New South Wales on 1 June 2011. Graduating with degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney in 1971, he went on to practice as a solicitor in 1972. He was admitted as a barrister in 1977, specialising in corporate law and litigation and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1987. His considerable experience in corporate law saw his appointment as a member of the Australian Government's Takeovers Panel (2006 - 2011).

Prior to his appointment to the bench, the Chief Justice served as President of both the Australian Bar Association (2008 – 2010) and the New South Wales Bar Association (2009- 2011), the Executive Committee of which he was a member from 2002.

The Chief Justice was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2014.



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