



Courts & Arbitration: Competitors or Partners?

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There have been divergent views as to how the relationship between judicial courts and arbitral panels should be perceived. One could argue that those avenues of dispute settlement belong to two competitive realms, while another could argue that the judicial and arbitral processes actually complement each other in the pursuit of justice.

From the lens of the New South Wales' Court of Appeal President, the talk will address, amongst others, the general statutory powers and functions of courts that may be exercised to aid arbitral proceedings. This talk is particularly befitting for both students and practitioners who are eager to obtain a further understanding of the vital role that courts play in commercial arbitration.



**The Hon Justice Margaret Beazley AO,
President, Court of Appeal of New South
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The Hon Justice Margaret Beazley AO attended Sydney Law School graduating with Honours in Law in 1974 and was then admitted to the New South Wales Bar on 14 March 1975. She was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989. In 1993, she was appointed as a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, and was thus the first woman to sit exclusively in that Court. In 1996 Her Honour was the first woman appointed to the New South Wales Court of Appeal and in March 2013, advanced to being the President of the Court of Appeal. She is the Chairperson of the NSW Chapter of the Australian Institute of Administrative Law, Patron of the Toongabbie Legal Centre, and President of the Arts Law Centre of Australia.

Her Honour was made an Officer in the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List on 12 June 2006 for service to the judiciary and the law: particularly through contributions to professional and ethical standards and to the advancement of women in the legal profession and the community. In May 2008 Her Honour was awarded a Doctor of Laws honoris causa (Hon LLD) by the University of Sydney. In 2012, she was named as one of the inaugural Australian Financial Review/Westpac 100 Women of Influence.

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