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Record number of women represented on Australian global arbitration board

Recent elections have boosted the representation of women to the [board](#) of the Australian branch of the **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators**, a global leader in the training, accreditation and practice of alternative dispute resolution whose membership comprises eminent practitioners, policymakers, academics and business leaders from the UK, the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australasia.

All five women: [Caroline Kenny QC](#) (Vic Bar - Melbourne), [Beth Cubitt](#) (Partner, Clyde & Co - Perth), [Julie Soars](#) (NSW Bar - Sydney), [Sandrah Foda](#) (NSW Bar - Sydney) and [Jo Delaney](#) (Special Counsel, Baker & McKenzie - Sydney) have extensive experience in assisting parties resolving major commercial disputes both in Australia and overseas and hold senior leadership positions on the board.

Melbourne-based barrister and newly elected CI Arb Australia President, [Albert Monichino QC](#), said: **"The record number of women on the Board is a welcome milestone reflecting the level of involvement of women in the Australian arbitration profession."**

Through its global network CI Arb is able to promote and advance the interests of women in dispute resolution. Recently, it appointed leading Canadian arbitrator and scholar, **Professor Janet Walker** as its global academic advisor and counts as fellows and members, distinguished practitioners such as **Karyl Nairn QC**, global co-head and partner, of litigation and arbitration in the London office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, who led the defence team for Chelsea Football Club owner Roman Abramovich in the largest private litigation case in British legal history.

Caroline Kenny QC who holds chambers in Melbourne and London and is CI Arb Australia Chair of Education, said: "It's a great privilege to serve on the CI Arb Board with so many talented arbitration practitioners. This is an exciting time to be involved in commercial arbitration as we witness unprecedented growth in international arbitrations here and in Asia. Having successfully conducted the **CI Arb Diploma in International Arbitration**, the only globally-recognised tertiary international course, in Asia for the past three years, we are looking forward to planning the next one in Australia as part of the **CI Arb Centenary Celebrations in 2015.**"

Jo Delaney, Special Counsel for international law firm, Baker & McKenzie who has 13 years' experience of international commercial and investment arbitrations in London said: "Having returned 18 months ago from practising international arbitration in London, it is exciting to see the growth of arbitration in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region. It is also encouraging to see the active role that women are playing in arbitration here."

Since its election, the new CI Arb Australia board has launched new initiatives on further developing international arbitration as a core competency of the Australian legal profession.

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Since 1915 and with 12,000 members worldwide, the **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators** exists for the global promotion, facilitation and development of all forms of private dispute resolution. In addition to providing education, training and accreditation for arbitrators, mediators and adjudicators, CI Arb acts as an international centre for practitioners, policymakers, academics and businessmen. **The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Australia** is one of a 120 branches of this fast growing global professional community, offering institute members a prestigious, globally-recognised qualification and access to a worldwide professional community and regular networking opportunities.