



ACICA Essay Competition 2020

TOPIC: International Arbitration & Climate Change

ACICA is pleased to launch its inaugural essay competition in 2020. Entries to the competition are invited and encouraged from students based in Australia who are studying a Bachelor, Juris Doctor or Masters level law degree in 2020, and to lawyers in their first five years of practice. *There is no requirement to be an ACICA member.*

The topic of the 2020 Competition is ***International Arbitration & Climate Change***. Essays are invited to address the topic without limitation; suggestions for potential areas of focus include:

- The interaction between climate litigation in national courts and international arbitration
- The role and sustainability of international commercial arbitration for the new green economy
- Investor-state arbitration and climate change
- Climate disasters and international arbitration
- The potential for arbitration/ADR to be used to resolve inter-state disputes related to climate change

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All entry submissions must:

- be typed in a Word document using Times New Roman or Arial with 11 or 12 point and 1.5 line spacing
- clearly identify the entrant's name, contact details and University (if a student) or date of admission (if a lawyer).
- be limited in word length to between 3,000 and 7,000 words (including footnotes).
- be the original and sole work of the entrant.

All entry submissions will be acknowledged but will not be returned and ACICA accepts no responsibility for the safe-keeping of entry submissions.

Entry submissions are to be directed to the ACICA Secretariat at secretariat@acica.org.au. The final date for submissions is 31 July 2020 at 5pm (AWST).

JUDGING PANEL

Entry submissions will be judged by an eminent panel of international practitioners and academics, chaired by Damian Sturzaker (Marque Lawyers) and consisting of the Hon. Wayne Martin AC QC, Judith Levine (Levine Arbitration), Lucy Martinez (Martinez Arbitration) and Professor Jacqueline Peel (University of Melbourne).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER

The winner will be announced by 2 September 2020 and will be awarded a guest seat at the ACICA table for the ADC ADR Awards Night Dinner in 2020, a cash prize of AUD1,100.00, a year's complimentary ACICA Associate membership and publication of the entry submission in the December edition of the ACICA Review.

INQUIRIES

All inquiries may be directed to the ACICA Secretariat by email or on (02) 9223 1099.