

# Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum Conference 2016

Friday 25th November, Sydney

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 Resolution Institute



## Welcome to Sydney!

On behalf of Resolution Institute, I take great pleasure in inviting you to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum (RAIF) Conference. The RAIF conference 2016 will contribute a vital part to Sydney Arbitration Week 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The Conference Committee has developed a program that has a rich range of topics and presenters.

Resolution Institute is delighted to welcome you to Sydney in November. We sincerely hope you can join us.

Margaret Halsmith  
Chair

## About RAIF

The Regional Arbitral Institutes Forum was founded in 2007 to encourage its members to collaborate on common objectives, including:

- › serving the educational and social needs of members of the arbitral institutes;
- › facilitating the exchange and dissemination of information on arbitral institutes and arbitration; and
- › promoting understanding and co-operation between the member institutes.

Currently the members of RAIF are:

- › Arbitration Association of Brunei Darussalam
- › Hong Kong Institute of Arbitrators
- › Indonesian Arbitrators Institute
- › Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators
- › Philippine Institute of Arbitrators
- › Singapore Institute of Arbitrators
- › Resolution Institute – Australia and New Zealand

## Building the future of arbitration through innovation

Conference program [www.resolution.institute/conferencehome](http://www.resolution.institute/conferencehome)

8.00 am	Registration of local and international attendees Coffee and refreshments
9.00 am	<i>Welcome to RAIF conference</i> Russell Thirgood, Chair of the Conference Organising Committee <i>Welcome to Country</i> Gadigal people of the Eora nation <i>Greetings from Resolution Institute</i> Mark Beech, Deputy Chair of Resolution Institute
9.25 am	<i>Opening address</i>
9.45 am	<i>Promotion, growth and practice of arbitration in the region: updates by arbitral institutes in Brunei, Hong Kong, Indonesia and Malaysia</i> Chair: Russell Thirgood
10.30 am	Morning tea
10.45 am	<i>Promotion, growth and practice of arbitration in the region: updates by arbitral institutes in Singapore, Philippines and Australia &amp; NZ</i> Chair: Mark Beech
11.15 pm	<i>Thinking outside the box – innovation in arbitration</i> Chair: Erika Williams Panellists: Gitanjali Bajaj, Jo Delaney, Tim Grave, Philippa Murphy, Andrew Stephenson
12.25 pm	<i>Innovation in Arbitration – the Singapore experience</i> Presenter: Dinesh Dhillon
12.50 pm	Lunch
1.50 pm	<i>The arbitrability of corporate disputes</i> Presenter: Sharon Chong Tze Ying
2.15 pm	<i>Arbitration – the untapped potential in family law</i> Chair: Fiona Hollier Panellists: Caroline Kirton QC, The Honourable Stephen O’Ryan QC, Professor Patrick Parkinson
3.25 pm	Afternoon tea
3.40 pm	<i>Controlling costs in arbitration – from beginning to end</i> Chair: Ian Bailey QC Panellists: Michael Earwaker, Koh Swee Yen, Julie Soars
4.50 pm	<i>Closing remarks</i> Russell Thirgood and Mark Beech
5.00 pm	Close
5.15 pm	<i>RAIF Council meeting</i> Council representatives
6.30 pm	<i>Gala dinner</i> After dinner speaker: The Honourable Neil Brown QC

# Speakers and panellists

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## Regional updates

Each of the Arbitral Institutes provides an update about the promotion, growth and practice of arbitration in its jurisdiction.



**Russell Thirgood - Chair**  
Director, Resolution Institute; Chair, Resolution Institute Conference Organising Committee; Partner, McCullough Robertson; Editor of *The Arbitrator & Mediator* since 2002.



**Mark Beech - Chair**  
Deputy Chair, Resolution Institute; Partner, Holland Beckett, with expertise in commercial and employment disputes in the medico-legal field.

## Thinking outside the box – innovation in arbitration

A panel discussion considering some of the innovative options being used to make arbitration more efficient and effective, including the evolving use of consolidation and joinder, third party funding and efficient case management.



**Erika Williams - Chair**  
Senior Associate, McCullough Robertson in arbitration and ADR group; specialises in international commercial arbitration; broad experience in commercial litigation.



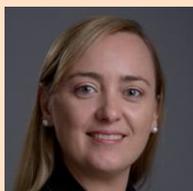
**Gitanjali Bajaj**  
Partner, DLA Piper; major international and domestic construction disputes; represented clients in international arbitration, mediation and other ADR in Australia, Asia-Pacific & Middle East.



**Jo Delaney**  
Special Counsel, Baker & McKenzie; counsel in complex cross-border disputes in Sydney and London; broad arbitration experience including in energy, resources and infrastructure, construction & information technology.



**Tim Grave**  
Partner, Clifford Chance, specialises in commercial dispute resolution, international arbitrations and related litigation; experience acting on recognition and enforcement of foreign arbitral award.



**Philippa Murphy**  
Director of Investments, Vannin Capital; extensive experience in corporate and commercial domestic and international disputes; broad experience in all DR types including arbitration.



**Andrew Stephenson**  
Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth; expertise in energy & resources projects; senior fellow lecturing at University of Melbourne; correspondent for International Construction Law Review.

## Innovation in arbitration – the Singapore experience

Presentation exploring the complementary nature of the SIMC to arbitration through the unique Arb-Med-Arb procedure, and discussing recent importance changes made in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Rules in July 2016.



**Dinesh Dillon**  
Partner, Allen & Gledhill; acts in arbitration for multinational corporations across many industries; expertise in representing sovereign states in international arbitration cases.

## Navigating the minefields of corporate disputes – to litigate or arbitrate

This session will focus on the limits of arbitration and the constraints of arbitrating corporate disputes, such as insolvencies, shareholders disputes and winding up. The question is whether corporate disputes should be referred to arbitration or litigated in court.



**Sharon Chong Tze Ying**  
Partner, Dispute Resolution Division SKRINE; focus on corporate and commercial litigation and arbitration; appeared as counsel at all tiers of the Malaysian Courts and international arbitrations in Asia and Europe.

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## Arbitration – the untapped potential in family law

Panel discussion exploring the potential for arbitration to deliver quality outcomes in family law and to relieve congested court lists. Questions considered will include the suitability of matters for arbitration and the relationship of arbitration to Family Dispute Resolution and court proceedings.



**Chair Fiona Hollier**

CEO, Resolution Institute, experienced mediator and DR educator; co-author, Conflict Resolution Network Trainers' Manual.



**Caroline Kirton QC**

Particular expertise in complex property and commercial family law disputes; counsel and arbitrator in domestic and international arbitration.



**The Hon Stephen O'Ryan QC**

Former judge of the Family Court of Australia; Director, Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators (AIFLAM).



**Professor Patrick Parkinson AM**

Professor of Law, University of Sydney and founder of The Alternative Courtroom for arbitration in family property matters.

## Controlling costs in arbitration – from beginning to end

Panel examining the means by which the cost of arbitration can be addressed at all steps in the process: when drafting DR provisions; when setting procedural rules; when appointing the arbitrator; during the hearing and in completing the award.



**Chair Ian Bailey SC**

Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne Law School; Grade 1 arbitrator specialising in major construction disputes; and an author on construction law.



**Michael Earwaker**

Partner, Corrs Chambers Westgarth; a construction lawyer with a civil engineering background and lecturer at Melbourne University.



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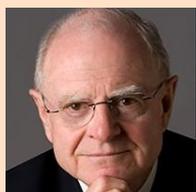
Barrister, mediator and arbitrator at 7 Wentworth Selborne; expertise as counsel in arbitration; mediator and arbitrator in commercial and trade and transport disputes.



**Koh Swee Yen**

Partner, WongPartnership LLP expertise as counsel in arbitration cases in commercial, energy, international trade and investment protection matters.

## Gala dinner speaker



**The Hon. Neil Brown QC**

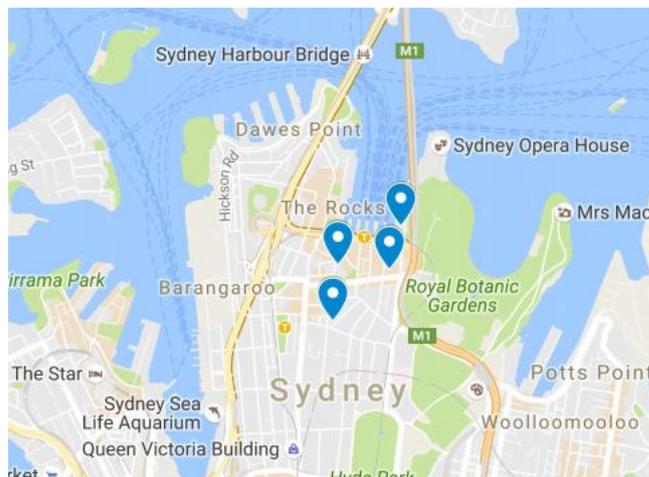
Former Federal Government Minister and parliamentary delegate to the United Nations; international arbitration and mediation panellist focussing on commercial, communication, intellectual property and governmental fields.

## Venue and accommodation

The RAIF Conference and Gala Dinner will be held in Sydney's Intercontinental Hotel for the RAIF Conference and Gala Dinner. This hotel, with all modern amenities, is set in a historic Treasury building built in 1851.

The following 5 star hotel options are all within a 10 -15 min stroll of Sydney Harbour and other Sydney sites.

- Intercontinental Hotel
- Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel
- Radisson Blu
- Pullman Quay Grand Sydney Harbour



## For accommodation options

[>>](http://www.resolution.institute/kon-gres/venue-and-accommodation)

## Fees

Early Bird special – closes 28 October

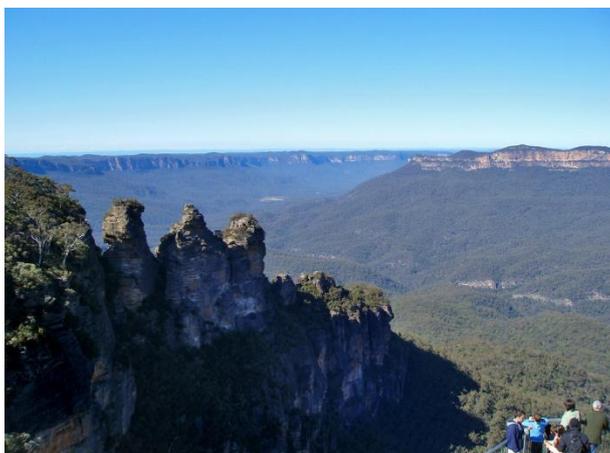
- \$440 Conference and Gala dinner
- \$410 Conference only

Regular fees – after 28 October

- \$590 Conference and Gala dinner
- \$560 Conference only

## Register

[>>](http://www.resolution.institute/events/category/raif-2016)



## In and around Sydney

Sydney is home to museums, cafes and restaurants, shopping and historical sites. It can be explored both on foot and via the water and much of this is found in and around the compact City Centre.

Some of the key sites you can visit within walking distance from the Conference venue are:

Sydney Harbour	Art Gallery of NSW
Sydney Harbour Bridge	Museum of Contemporary Art
Sydney Opera House	Museum of Sydney
Sydney Tower	Royal Botanic Gardens

## Further afield

The Blue Mountains National Park is just over an hour's drive out of Sydney. Famous for its blue-tinged escarpment and Three Sisters rock formation this is best visited with a coach tour from the City Centre.

## Further information

[>>](http://www.resolution.institute/kon-gres/things-to-do-in-and-around-sydney)