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Australian global arbitration body appoints inaugural CEO

The Board of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Australia) has appointed Gianna Totaro as its first Chief Executive.

A world leader in the training, accreditation and practice of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), the **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators** ('CI Arb'), which celebrated its centenary in 2015, is a global network whose membership is represented in over 250 commercial sectors operating in 130 countries.

CI Arb Australia President, Albert Monichino QC said: "We are fortunate to have Gianna on board as she is a highly regarded professional whose skills and experience will assist us in generating and promoting more opportunities for the organisation."

Engaged as a consultant to CI Arb Australia in 2014, the appointment comes at a time membership is on the increase and demand for arbitration and ADR services to resolve commercial disputes is growing around the world, especially in the Asia Pacific.

CI Arb Australia Vice President and Education Committee Chair Caroline Kenny QC said: "This year the Institute entered into a joint venture with Singapore and Hong Kong to conduct our diploma course in the region; a partnership with the Federal Court of Australia and the expansion of a professional development program which has increased by over 50% in the past two years."

Ms Totaro, who has previously worked in management and communication roles in the public and private sectors, has over 15 years' experience in the ADR industry including the **Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia** ('IAMA') and the **Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration** ('ACICA').

Ms Totaro said: "I have had the privilege to work closely, and in partnership, with some of the best in the international dispute resolution space. I am looking forward to working in an expanded role with the CI Arb Australia Board in further advancing Australia's position in the cross border dispute resolution market."

The appointment has been warmly received by others in the industry.

Retired High Court Justice, the Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG who sits on the **Arbitration Panel of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes for the World Bank** said: "I am delighted that Gianna has been appointed CEO. I came to know her well in 2009 when I was elected president of IAMA (now the Resolution Institute). She was the head of its secretariat, the first woman in that role. She displayed creativity, energy and a deft skill in promoting professional and public knowledge about ADR."

ACICA Immediate Past President and CI Arb Global President (2011), Prof Doug Jones AO said: "The CI Arb Australian branch has been going from strength to strength and the appointment of Gianna to the position of CEO will turbo charge its contribution to the ADR scene."

Ms Totaro will take up her appointment effective immediately.

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