

Holding Redlich partner elected president of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Australia Branch

Australia, 23 October 2024 – **Geoff Farnsworth**, partner at leading national law firm **Holding Redlich** has been elected president of the **Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Australia Branch (Ciarb)**.

A leading transport and commodities lawyer, Farnsworth has more than 30 years' experience, now specialising in providing strategic and effective legal advice in the shipping space.

"I am thankful for the trust placed in me by my fellow Councillors and, alongside Ciarb Australia CEO, Gianna Totaro, I am committed to enhancing the reputation of the branch, working towards furthering its growth and success, and expanding opportunities for our members," says Farnsworth.

Farnsworth has an extensive domestic and international arbitration practice, representing parties to arbitration and enforcement of awards, acting as secretariat to tribunals, and sitting as arbitrator. He also handles admiralty claims and ship arrests, ship sales and purchases, port logistics, regulatory matters, domestic and international sale of goods, trade finance and insurance, governance, business structures and competition law.

In his decade-long tenure at Holding Redlich, Farnsworth has been recognised as a global and thought leader in shipping as well as practicing in complex commercial, disputes and regulatory matters for clients involved with transport, agribusiness and energy and resources.

Farnsworth's election has attracted significant support from across Australia and internationally.

The Hon James Allsop AC, former Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia (2013 – 2023) and currently a Foreign Non-Permanent Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal and International Judge to the Singapore International Commercial Court, was delighted that Farnsworth had been elected President of Ciarb Australia.

"I have known Geoff for many years as a highly skilled and thoughtful practitioner, with deep knowledge of, and aptitude in, arbitration and effective dispute resolution. I am sure that he will be an innovative and energetic President," said Allsop.

Ciarb Australia Chief Executive, Gianna Totaro shared, "I have no doubt Geoff's exceptional leadership skills, strategic mindset and vast and acknowledged expertise will bolster Australia's standing in the cross-border and domestic dispute resolution market, and attract opportunities for Australian practitioners. As the demand for arbitration continues to rise globally, Ciarb's commitment to maintaining a gold standard in the training and accreditation of practitioners remains pivotal."

Farnsworth succeeds Nathan Landis who resigned on 31 August to take up a new role as General Counsel.

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