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MEDIA ALERT

Former High Court judge awarded dispute resolution's top honour

Former High Court judge, the Hon Ian Callinan AC QC has been appointed an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia (IAMA).

The Council of Australia's peak alternative dispute resolution body unanimously resolved to bestow the top honour at its recent meeting.

IAMA President Laurie James says the relationship between IAMA and its Honorary Fellows reflects not only the contribution of the recipients but also their support for the Institute and alternative dispute resolution.

In 2006, Mr Callinan delivered the keynote address at the IAMA national conference, 'Drawing a Line in the Sand: New Approaches in ADR', where he considered the case for state subsidisation of mediation and the courts to have power to order alternative dispute resolution.

"Ian Callinan is a worthy addition to our distinguished panel of Honorary Fellows," Mr James said.

Mr Callinan succeeds former Chief Justice of the High Court, the late Sir Harry Gibbs and joins other former leading jurists, Sir Ninian Stephen and Sir Laurence Street.

Following a distinguished career in law, Mr Callinan was appointed to the High Court in 1998 and retired upon his 70th birthday in 2007. He was subsequently appointed to head the Commission of Inquiry into the outbreak of equine influenza (EI).

A special presentation marking his appointment to the IAMA Honorary Fellow panel will take place before Mr Callinan delivers a wide-ranging valedictory address.

Event Details

- What:** Appointment of Honorary Fellow and Valedictory Address – The Hon Ian Callinan AC QC
When: Friday, 23 November 2007
Time: 12.30 pm
Where: Hilton Brisbane Hotel
Queen's Ballroom, Level 5, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, Queensland

About the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia

The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia (IAMA) is the nation's largest, independent and most experienced alternative dispute resolution (ADR) organisation. Founded in 1975, membership comprises some of Australia's eminent and experienced ADR professionals drawn from a diverse range of sectors including commercial, legal, education and government. With offices in all states and territories, it also plays a key role in industry and consumer schemes. IAMA provides services in all forms of ADR including arbitration, mediation, conciliation, adjudication and expert determination, and is involved in the professional development, training and accreditation of ADR across Australia and internationally. More details about IAMA can be found at www.iama.org.au.

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