

## **Former High Court Chief Judge to head judicial committee to boost international arbitration for Australia**

Former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, Murray Gleeson AC will chair a Judicial Liaison Committee which has been set up to co-ordinate responses to recent legislative changes.

The Committee's members include representatives from the Supreme Courts and the Federal Court of Australia. Its objectives include promoting uniformity in rules and procedures concerning enforcement of arbitration agreements, appointments of arbitrators, interim measures in support of arbitration, assistance of the arbitral process, and enforcement of awards.

The opening of the Australian International Disputes Centre and recent reforms to arbitration laws, at both a State and Federal level, have created a legal framework to make Australia a regional hub for local and foreign companies to resolve commercial disputes without resorting to costly and lengthy litigation.

President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Professor Doug Jones AM, who is a member of the Committee, said:  
"International arbitration has emerged as the process of choice for businesses in the global economy as international investors want to avoid the uncertainty of litigation in foreign courts."

The Committee with its expertise in judicial and arbitral experience will be an integral part of the Australian arbitration infrastructure attracting international arbitration business to Australia.

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