



## ILS International Law and Practice Course 2019 - Lecture 6

### **The implication of the recently signed Singapore Mediation Convention for Australian practitioners**

Join the International Law Section on 12 August in Sydney for another stimulating ILS International Law and Practice Course lecture. The Hon Roger Gyles AO QC will open the session and guest speaker Mary Walker will speak on the topic of 'The implication of the recently signed Singapore Mediation Convention for Australian practitioners', joined by panellists Tat Lim and Gary Birnberg.

*"On 20 December 2018, the UN General Assembly adopted the Singapore Mediation Convention which comes into force once it is ratified by three countries. The signing ceremony of the Convention will be held in Singapore on 7 August 2019.*

*The Convention facilitates the enforcement of international settlement agreements resulting from mediation. The Convention allows parties to a settlement agreement reached at the conclusion of a mediation governed by the Convention to apply directly to the courts of a country which is a member state for enforcement."*

This session will explore the technical aspects of the Convention, its application to cross-border commercial disputes and potential challenges to enforcement.



**The Hon. Roger Gyles AO QC**

The Honourable Roger Gyles AO QC spent 34 years at the Bar, 23 as a QC. He was President of the NSW Bar Association and the Australian Bar Association. He appeared in all Australian jurisdictions; in the courts of Singapore, Papua-New Guinea, Fiji and the Solomon Islands; and in the Privy Council. During his time at the Bar, he was a Royal Commissioner and a Special Prosecutor. He was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia for over 9 years. Since leaving the bench he has practiced as an arbitrator and mediator, conducted a number of inquiries and been the Commonwealth Independent National Security Legislation Monitor.



**Mary Walker**

Mary Walker has been at the forefront of ADR in Australia since 1990. During this period, as a member of an independent Bar, Mary has arbitrated, mediated, negotiated, facilitated complex multi-party disputes, designed dispute resolution systems and provided expert appraisal and ombudsman services in respect to thousands of disputes referred by solicitors, industry and government bodies and corporations both domestic and international. Mary is internationally accredited as a Mediator and Mediator Advocate by the International Mediation Institute.

Mary was awarded the Inaugural Australian Mediator of the Year Award in 2016 by the Australian Disputes Centre, again awarded Mediator of the Year in 2017 and 2018 and was also awarded International Mediator of the Year in 2018. Mary also has expertise in the mediation and facilitation of mass disputes and dispute systems design and is an accredited Investor-State mediator with CEDR, London. Amongst other appointments she is currently Vice Chair of the Law Council of Australia International Law Section, Co-Chair of the ILS International Arbitration Committee and Chair of the Law Council of Australia Federal Litigation and Dispute Resolution Section ADR Committee

### **Tat Lim**

Tat Lim is a leading mediator in Singapore who also practices extensively as a mediation advocate and counsel. He is a certified mediator with many distinguished mediation panels, including IMI, CEPA (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Mainland China) and the Compliance Advisory Ombudsman, International Finance Corporation, World Bank Group. He has successfully mediated a broad spectrum of cases, from commercial and relational conflicts to cross border multiparty disputes involving infrastructure and construction disputes to public interest disputes involving environmental and social concerns. Many of his cases are settled against the backdrop of ongoing litigation or arbitration. He is a Weinstein JAMS International Fellow, Co-Chair of the IBA Mediation Committee, board member of Singapore Mediation Centre and a member of the IMI Independent Advisory Committee.

### **Gary Birnberg**

Gary Birnberg is a mediator and arbitrator specialised in international commercial disputes. He is associated with JAMS and listed with other prominent dispute resolution institutions in Brazil, France, Russia and the USA. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit and Appellate Mediator, he has served as a

neutral on hundreds of cases, including complex commercial, multi-party, multi-lingual, high-stakes, cross-border matters administered by the ICC, ICDR, and other prominent bodies. He currently is Co-Chair of the Mediation Committee of the IBA and is Chairman of the French-American Chamber of Commerce of Florida. He holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, Boston University School of Law, and INSEAD, and works in the English, French, and Portuguese languages.

## The Details

**Date:** 12 August 2019

**Location:** Herbert Smith Freehills, ANZ Tower, 161 Castlereagh Street, Sydney

**Time:** 7:45 AM - 9:00 AM

### Registration

Ticket Type	Price
Lecture 6 Session Ticket (only) *Incl GST	\$55.00

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**UWT: AUSTRALIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN WTO CASES AND OTHER TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW DEVELOPMENTS**

*Mr David Brightling*

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*Ms Nicole Sawick*

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**PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW: THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE FROM AN AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE?**

*Dr Christopher Ward SC*

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**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURTS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM RWANDA AND THE HAGUE**

*Prof Dr Tim McCormack*



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