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**CANDIDATE'S ELECTION STATEMENT**
**FOR THE ELECTIONS AS TRUSTEE FOR THE GREAT BRITAIN REGION**

## INTRODUCTION

I don't want to bore you by going on too much about myself. If you'd like to find out more about me, please read my short profile (CV). Even better, look me up on LinkedIn. Here is the hyperlink:

In a nutshell, I've been a Fellow of the Institute for 25 years and practised as a barrister, mediator, arbitrator and negotiator for longer than that. For many years, my work has involved different types of dispute resolution process, and I've pioneered different hybrid processes, which are now becoming more relevant than ever.

Also, I have a separate career sketching cartoons, writing jokes and stand-up routines. Having a sense of humour may or may not be an essential prerequisite for being a good trustee, but I think it might help!

## MOTIVATION

My motivation when standing for election as a trustee is to give something back, doing my best to help all members of the Institute navigate, adapt to and succeed in the now super-fast changing world of dispute resolution.

## THREE KEY AIMS

If elected as trustee, my three key aims will be to make sure that:

1) **THE CIARB FOCUSES ON BEING A MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATION, RUN BY THE MEMBERS, FOR THE MEMBERS.**

2) **THE CIARB IS RUN PROFESSIONALLY AND EFFICIENTLY, MAKING ALL DECISIONS APPLYING THE LITMUS TEST – DOES IT BENEFIT THE MEMBERS? (IF IT DOESN'T, DON'T DO IT).**

3) **THE CIARB IS ALL-INCLUSIVE. IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS THE ALL-INCLUSIVE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS, LISTENING TO ALL OF THE MEMBERS – TO CREATE A NEW ACRONYM, THE AICIARB.**

There are plenty of good candidates standing for election. I hope you think I'm one of them and you will vote for me.

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