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The Chair of the Coordination Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Mrs. Hilde Skorpen, presents her compliments and has the honor to refer to Circular N. 2833, dated November 13, 2007, inviting candidates for nomination to the post of Director General of WIPO.

A copy of the letter from the Honorable Stephen Smith, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia, proposing the candidacy of Mr. Francis Gurry for the said post is enclosed. 

February 13, 2008

Enclosure: Letter of the Honorable Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of Australia



THE HON STEPHEN SMITH MP

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Mrs Hilde Skorpen  
Chair, WIPO Coordination Committee  
34 Chemin des Colombettes  
1211 Geneva 20  
SWITZERLAND

13 FEB 2008

Dear Mrs Skorpen

I write you to nominate formally Dr Francis Gurry for the position of Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO). I enclose Dr Gurry's *curriculum vitae* and a list of his publications.

Dr Gurry enjoys the full support of the Australian Government. Given his outstanding personal attributes, his proven credentials and his leadership within WIPO over many years, Dr Gurry would in my view, and in the view of the Australian Government, continue to serve the organisation with great distinction should he be elected to the position of Director-General.

I warmly commend Dr Gurry's candidature to all WIPO States Parties.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Smith', written in a cursive style.

Stephen Smith

## Curriculum Vitae of Dr Francis Gurry

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**Date of Birth:** 17 May 1951  
**Nationality:** Australian  
**Family:** Married, three children

### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**1980**                    **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)**  
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom  
  
Yorke Prize, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge

**1976 – 1979**        **Research Student**  
Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge  
(Tapp Studentship, Gonville and Caius College, 1978-79)

**1976**                    **Master of Laws (LL.M)**  
University of Melbourne, Australia

**1975**                    **Admitted Barrister and Solicitor**  
Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia

**1974**                    **Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)**  
University of Melbourne, Australia

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1985 – present      World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva,  
Switzerland:

#### **Deputy Director General (2003 – present)**

Responsible for: the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT); patent law and policy and International Patent Classification (IPC); WIPO Standards; WIPO statistics; the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center; Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions, Genetic Resources and Life Sciences

#### **Assistant Director General and Legal Counsel (1999-2003)**

Legal Counsel's Office; also responsible for: the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center; electronic commerce; and from 2002: the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), patent law and policy and the International Patent Classification (IPC); Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expressions, Genetic Resources and Life Sciences

**Legal Counsel (1997-1999)**

Legal Counsel's Office; also responsible for the WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center; electronic commerce

**Office of Deputy Director General (1993-1997)**

Director, WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center; Acting Legal Counsel (1996-1997)

**Office of the Director General (1990-1993)**

Special Assistant to the Director-General (1991-1993) and Director-Counsellor

**Head, Industrial Property Law Section (1988-1990)**

Industrial Property Division

**Consultant and Senior Program Officer (1985-1988)**

Development Cooperation and External Relations Bureau for Asia and Pacific

**1984**

**Attorney-at-Law**

Freehills, Sydney

**(1982-1983)**

**Visiting Professor of Law**

University of Dijon, France

**1979-1984**

**Senior Lecturer in Law**

University of Melbourne

**1974-1976**

Articled Clerk, then **Attorney-at-Law**

Arthur Robinson & Co, Melbourne

**HONORARY POSITIONS**

2001 – present

Professorial Fellow, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne, Australia

1996 – 2004

Vice President, International Federation of Commercial Arbitration Institutions

1996 – 1999

Member of the Governing Board, International School of Geneva

## **MEMBER OF ADVISORY BOARDS**

Centre for Intellectual Property and Information Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge

Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne

Indian Journal of Intellectual Property

International Review of Industrial Property and Copyright Law (IIC) (Munich, Germany)

SCRIPT-ed - A Journal of Law, Technology & Society (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

## **LANGUAGES**

English (mother-tongue), French (fluent)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Intellectual Property in an Integrated World Economy* (2007) (with Frederick Abbot and Thomas Cottier), Aspen publishers, pp ix-xxix, 1-683

*International Intellectual Property System: Commentary and Materials* (1999) (with Frederick Abbott and Thomas Cottier), Kluwer, pp i-xxxii, 1-2026

*Breach of Confidence* (1984), Oxford University Press, Clarendon, pp i-xxvii, 1-487

### **Chapters in Books**

Foreword, David Lindsay, *International Domain Name Law: ICANN and the UDRP* (Hart, Oxford, 2007)

Préface, Valérie-Anne Giscard d'Estaing, *Inventions* (Edition 2007) (Michel Lafon)

Foreword, *Intellectual Property Management in Health and Agricultural Innovation* (eds. A. Krattinger et al.) (MIHR and PIPR) (2007)

“The Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy” (2002) *XXVII Yearbook Commercial Arbitration* 299-304

Foreword, *Martindale-Hubbell International Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Directory* (1999) (Martindale-Hubbell, East Grinstead, U.K.)

“WIPO Arbitration Center,” in American Intellectual Property Law Association, *ADR Guide* (1994)

“Arbitrability of Intellectual Property Disputes,” in Swiss Arbitration Association, *Objective Arbitrability, Antitrust Disputes, Intellectual Property Disputes* (ASA Special Series N/6, 1994)

“Institutional Aspects,” in Peter Robinson, Karl P. Sauvart and Vishwas P. Govitrikar, *Electronic Highways for World Trade – Issues in Telecommunication and Data Services* (Westview Press, 1989)

“Liability Issues Affecting Non-Contracting Parties,” in OECD, *Transborder Data Flows* (North Holland, 1985)

“Confidentiality,” in P.D. Finn (Ed.), *Essays in Equity* (Law Book Company, Sydney, 1985)

**Articles**

“The Cambrian Explosion” (2007) 38 *International Review of Intellectual Property and Competition Law* 255-258

“Globalization, Intellectual Property and Development,” *Proceedings of the American Society of International Law* 2005

“The Growing Complexity of International Policy in Intellectual Property” (2005) 11 (1) *Science and Engineering Ethics* 13-20

“The Dispute Resolution Services of the World Intellectual Property Organization” (1999) *Journal of International Economic Law* 385-398

“The Evolution of Technology and Markets and the Management of Intellectual Property Rights,” in Frederick Abbott and David Gerber (eds.), *Public Policy and Global Technology Integration* (Kluwer, 1997)

“IP Licensing Disputes: When Courts are not the Answer” (1995) *IP Worldwide* 13-14

“Arbitrage et propriété intellectuelle,” in Institut de recherche en propriété intellectuelle, *Arbitrage et propriété intellectuelle* (Libraires Techniques, 1994)

“Introduction” to 1994 Annual Volume (Volume 5) of the *American Review of International Arbitration* 1-5

“New Television Services – Opportunities for Diversification” (1982) 10 *Australian Business Law Review* 157-173

“The Implementation of Policy through Executive Action” (1977) 11 *Melbourne University Law Review* 189-222

“The Role of the Permanent Establishment in Double Taxation Agreements” (1976) 5 *Australian Tax Review* 12-26

“Aspects of the Law of Contract in Takeover Offers” (1976) 50 *Australian Law Journal* 167-174