

Mediator Standards Board Nomination Candidature Statement: Amber Williams

I bring to the Mediator Standards Board (MSB) extensive corporate governance experience, as well as strong experience in professional standards and dispute resolution.

I am currently the Chief Executive Officer of Resolution Institute, the largest dispute resolution membership organisation across Australia and New Zealand, reporting directly to the Board. I am also a member each of the board committees and contribute directly to the governance, leadership and management of the organisation in this way, as well as the operational requirements of being CEO. This role has given me a deep understanding of the day to day needs of a voluntary body such as MSB.

The objects of MSB and Resolution Institute constitutions are closely aligned, ensuring that there is a high standard of mediator professional practice, training and accreditation. I will bring the same passion to achieving this purpose at the MSB that I currently bring to my role at Resolution Institute.

Prior to my role at Resolution Institute, I have had many senior roles many of which were related to dispute resolution and professional standards. My previous experience includes CEO at NSW Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, Chief Human Resources Officer at Department of Justice (NSW) sitting on their executive board, and various HR and Organisational Development roles.

I am a member of Australian Human Resources Institute, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and I have completed its Company Directors' Course. In addition to the board committees that I currently sit on at Resolution Institute, in previous organisations I have been a member of various steering committees, chaired an Audit and Risk Committee, and been on Executive Committee of NSW Department of Justice. This practice has given me a depth of knowledge and experience in corporate governance that I believe will be beneficial should I be elected to the MSB.

From my time as CEO of Resolution Institute as well as my past HR roles, I am conscious of the trends and challenges that the mediation community faces, and it is important that the NMAS accreditation is recognised as a requirement for practice. I believe this together with my broad experience in governance, leadership, and dispute resolution will enable me to contribute meaningfully to MSB.