



Biography

Jared worked for almost 10 years for the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) in Darwin as a senior criminal lawyer and Manager, Law and Justice Projects. In 2012, he received a Churchill Fellowship to consider culturally strengthening initiatives in Canada, New Zealand and the United States that could reduce the negative impacts of the justice system on Aboriginal people and in 2016, Jared was awarded a 2016 NT Human Rights Award in the youth category.

Jared completed mediation training in 2010 and has been a nationally accredited mediator since July 2010. Jared's mediation background is exclusively in the community mediation sector. For ten years, Jared was a sessional mediator with the Community Justice Centre in the Northern Territory, and has mediated a wide range of community mediation matters.

In 2020, Jared was appointed as Director of the Community Justice Centre in Darwin and served in this role for a short period, before relocating in 2021 to Hobart for family reasons.

In addition to community mediation, Jared's alternative dispute resolution background is largely in the area of Aboriginal mediation, peacemaking and restorative processes and the intersection between traditional and contemporary Aboriginal and Western mediation and peacemaking processes.

Jared is a graduate of the four-year Mawul Rom cross cultural mediation program and completed a Master of Indigenous Knowledges (Mawul Rom) through Charles Darwin University. As part of Jared's work with the Community Justice Centre, he also worked working closely with the then Director of the CJC and the Ponki Mediators in the Tiwi Islanders.

Jared is currently a PhD student through the Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney. His PhD research will consider Aboriginal perspectives in relation to mediation, peacemaking and restoration, and the potential juncture with Western processes in the criminal justice system.

Jared has also worked extensively as a mediation trainer and coach. Jared has worked as a mediation coach for a number of LEADR/Resolution Institute mediation training workshops, as well as numerous Community Justice Centre mediation training workshops. In 2020, Jared was a co-trainer for the inaugural Mawul Rom Intercultural Mediation Training held at Charles Darwin University.

Jared is passionate about expanding the reach of community mediation, and in particular valuing the expertise and traditional mediation and peacemaking practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.