

Resume

Dr Peter Condliffe

BSW, LLM, Grad Dip (Ed), Grad Dip (Arb).

Barrister

Specialist Mediator and Facilitator

Advanced Mediator with the Victorian Bar Accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner



MSB: Peter was voted onto the MSB as a Director in 2018. His major projects and initiatives have centred on the ongoing review of the NMAS, developing a “research agenda” for the Board and better nexus with the ADR research community, corporate governance, and further developing the Board’s education and CPD related capabilities. He is a member of the following sub-committees of the Board: Review SC; Research SC and Education SC. As well as these ongoing projects some emphasis, going forward, will be to further develop the Board’s “community resources” including its National Register of Mediators and facilitative capacities to bring together ADR educators, researchers and practitioner groups.

Background: Peter practices as a Barrister and mediator with a background in developing educational, human rights and community-based programmes. He was formerly CEO of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia and Director of Dispute Resolution Centres in the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Queensland. Prior to this Peter was Chief of Education, Training and Information with the United Nations Centre for Human Rights in Cambodia. He has also been employed as an academic, teacher and community worker.

His multi-disciplinary practice centres on conflict management interventions including mediation, facilitation, investigation, restorative justice conferences, complaints management and conflict coaching. Peter is one of Australia’s most experienced conflict management teachers and practitioners. He presently teaches in several Universities and other organizations. He has written a leading text titled "Conflict Management: A Practical Guide" (Lexis Nexis, 2019, 6th Ed.) as well as over 50 articles and monographs. As well he was the initial drafter of mediation courses for the Dispute Resolution Centres of Victoria; Department of Justice (QLD); the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators (IAMA – now part of the Resolution Institute) and the Victorian Bar. He is the Principal Instructor in the Victorian Bars’ Lawyers Mediation Certificate which is a specialist course for lawyer mediators.

He was the founding President of The Victorian Association for Restorative Justice and is a Director of the Mediator Standards Board. He is a long-term member of the ADR Committee of the Victorian Bar. He is also a member of the Victorian ADR Association (VADRA).

Practice Experience: Beginning in the community justice sector (Qld.) Peter has conducted over 1500 mediations, arbitrations, conferences, and facilitations including commercial, industrial, workplace, contractual, building, aged care and family disputes. Extensive experience in workplace and organizational disputes including with large educational, human service and aged care organizations. He has also been involved in a number of large environmental and planning cases including the Regional Forest Agreement (Qld.), Multi-Use Planning Processes (DNR), Stradbroke Island, Native Title disputes, Sustainable Visitor Management, mining, water rights, regional fisheries management and fire burn off management.. He has previously been a mediator at VCAT for 9 years principally in the Human Rights and Property lists.

Among the initial tranche of nationally accredited mediators in 2008 Peter was previously accredited as a mediator with the Department of Justice (Qld.), the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediator (IAMA), the Resolution Institute (Advanced Mediator) and the Victorian Bar.