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VICTORIA**

**Magistrates' Court of Victoria**

# **List of External Mediators**



- 1** The Magistrates' Court of Victoria has established a List of External Mediators (LEM).

Information about the LEM is available at the following link:

[www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au](http://www.magistratescourt.vic.gov.au)

- 2** Set out in this document are brief summaries of LIV member mediators who have been included on the LEM. LIV member mediators are either full members or associate members of the LIV.

**It should be noted that not all LIV member mediators on the LEM have provided summaries.**

- 3** It is a requirement of the Magistrates' Court of Victoria that mediators on the LEM are accredited under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS). Further information about the NMAS is available at the following links:

[www.nadrac.gov.au](http://www.nadrac.gov.au)

[www.msb.org.au](http://www.msb.org.au)

While the LIV is a Registered Mediator Accreditation Body (RMAB) and can accredit mediators under the NMAS, some of the LIV member mediators on the LEM have not been accredited by the LIV under the NMAS, but have been accredited by other RMABs.

Accreditation under the NMAS is for a period of two years, and may subsequently be renewed for further periods of two years each (subject to the renewal requirements being met).

**Accordingly, parties should make enquiries of the mediator they are considering engaging to confirm that the mediator has current accreditation under the NMAS.**

- 4** Some LIV member mediators on the LEM are also LIV Accredited Specialist mediators. Lawyers who are accredited by the LIV as a specialist are recognised as having an enhanced skill level as well as substantial involvement in established legal specialty areas.

LIV member mediators have been requested to include in their summaries information about whether or not they are LIV Accredited Specialist mediators.

Further information about LIV Accredited Specialisation is available at the following link:

[www.liv.asn.au](http://www.liv.asn.au)

- 5** For further information about, or to engage, LIV member mediators on the LEM, parties should contact the mediator direct. Mediator contact details are provided in the summaries and on the LEM (see link above).

- 6** The summaries provided in this document are in alphabetical order by surname.

**Please note that the content of the summaries has been provided to the LIV by the LIV member mediators and gives information about themselves, their experience and practice. If parties require further information they should contact the mediators direct.**



## MARCEL ALTER

### Qualifications

LLB (Hons) BEco  
 Law Honours and Economics Degree Monash  
 Arbitrator (grade 3), Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators  
 Specialist Mediator Law Institute of Victoria  
 Accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner  
 Accredited Mediator under the National Mediation Accreditation Standards

### Professional experience

Marcel was admitted to practice in 1972 and has acted for individuals, large and small companies, and organisations particularly in the fields of contract, insolvency, franchising, leasing, succession, partnership, buying & selling of businesses, property and family law.

Over the last 15 years, Marcel's emphasis has been on appropriate dispute resolutions. Marcel has qualified as a specialist mediator with the LIV and is a mediator and arbitrator with IAMA. Marcel has also coached in mediation courses.

Marcel is a panel mediator with Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal, The Small Business Commissioner and the Office & Mediator Advisor (Franchising).

Marcel is also an accredited family dispute resolution practitioner. He is even willing to assist parties who wish to duel at dawn or "toss a coin".

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## ANNA McRAE-ANDERSON

### Qualifications

Academic Qualifications: LLB, BLS  
 Admitted to the Legal Profession: 1998  
 Nationally Accredited Mediator: August 2013  
 LIV Accredited Specialist Mediation 2016  
 Harvard University – Advanced Mediation 2017

### Professional Experience



Anna has over 20 years commercial dispute resolution experience, is a nationally accredited mediator and Australian Legal Practitioner with Law Institute of Victoria Accredited Specialisation in mediation, having studied advanced mediation at Harvard University.

Prior to becoming a mediator, Anna worked as a commercial litigator representing parties in all manner of commercial disputes across all jurisdictions, providing Anna with vivid insight into the challenges faced by participants in our legal system as well as the many benefits of mediation in dispute resolution.

Since 2014 Anna has practised solely in the area of mediation, to which she brings her compassion for those in dispute, specialist skills in negotiation and facilitation, an understanding of creative and commercial solutions, as well as her vast understanding of the law, court processes and strategies.

Anna is keenly aware how protracted litigation can impact both financially and emotionally upon parties, expend the energy and resources of a business, its owners and managers, often distracting them from what is most important, such as getting on with business and their lives.

Through mediation, Anna strives to ensure parties have control over the outcome in a cost effective and time efficient way, often resulting in outcomes that are otherwise unable to be achieved via the legal system.

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## JULIA BARLING

### Qualifications

Principal – Barling Mediation  
 Admitted to the Legal Profession: 2003  
 Nationally accredited mediator: 2020  
 Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner: 2021  
 Academic & Other Qualifications: LLB (Hons), Grad Dip FDR

### Professional Experience



Julia Barling has been working in the legal industry for over 19 years. She has extensive experience as a practising lawyer working across family law, criminal law and general litigation.

In 2020 Julia became an NMAS accredited mediator and in early 2021 she became a Family Dispute Resolution

Practitioner registered with the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department. In 2022 Julia was appointed to the Victorian Small Business Commission Mediation Panel.

Since July 2021 Julia has been operating Barling Mediation and has been assisting people to resolve disputes in family law matters, civil and commercial disputes as well as workplace issues. She has experience conducting lawyer assisted mediations as well as matters involving parties directly, either before proceedings have commenced or as litigation intervention conferences.

Based in Warrnambool in South West Victoria, Julia travels across Western Victoria for in-person mediations and also conducts mediations online Australia wide via Zoom.

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## CHARLES CODY

### Qualifications

Mediation experience: 15 years  
 Accreditation: National Mediator Accreditation Standards  
 Accreditation since 2009  
 Types of mediations: Employment, discrimination, franchising and retail leases.

### Professional experience

Charles is a principal at Mason Sier Turnbull Lawyers, with considerable experience in business law and, in particular, the areas of employment law, franchising and mediation. He completed the Bond University mediation course in 1996 and has maintained accreditation as a mediator under the National Mediator Accreditation Standards since September 2009. He has conducted commercial mediations as a panel member of the Office of the Franchising Mediation Adviser since 1998 and as a member of the LIV panel of mediators since 1996.

In November 1998 his paper "Effective Dispute Resolution for Franchising – Despite the Code", was published in *Franchising Law and Policy Review*.

Charles completed a Master of Labour Relations Law at the University of Melbourne in 2001. His memberships include the Industrial Relations Society of Victoria, the Australian Labour Law Association, the Franchise Council of Australia and the LIV.

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## IAN GEOFFREY DELACY

### Qualifications

Admitted to Legal Profession: 1966  
 Partner: Armstrong Collins & DeLacy 1970–2004  
 Mediator for Solicitors Board: 1989  
 Accredited LIV Mediation Specialist: Since 2000  
 Principal: DeLacy Mediation: Since 2004  
 Nationally Accredited Mediator: Since 2008

### Professional experience

Ian commenced mediating in 1989 and has practised full time as a mediator since 2004. He has conducted more than 1600 mediations with a high success rate. He is a mediator member of IAMA and VADR and is on a number of mediation panels including VCAT, Small Business Commission, Office of the Mediation Adviser and Federal Court (Native Title).

In June 2010 Ian was appointed Principal Mediator at VCAT. This is a sessional position and does not preclude him from conducting other panel or private mediations.

Ian regularly conducts mediation coaching and assessment for Bond University.

Ian mediates over a wide area including commercial and domestic building, anti-discrimination, retail tenancies, wills & probate, personal injury, real property, adverse possession, family farm, commercial, partnership, drainage, credit, employment, workplace relations, film production, de facto property, debt recovery and franchise.

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## MARGUERITE DESMOND

### Qualifications:

Bachelor of Arts B.A: 1977  
 Bachelor of Laws: 1979  
 Supreme Court of Victoria: 1980  
 Federal Court and High Court of Australia: 1980  
 Victorian Bar: 2002-2009  
 Accredited Mediator with LEADR: 2004  
 Bond University Advanced Mediators Course in Family Law: 2004  
 Member of Victorian Association for Dispute Resolution  
 La Trobe University Advanced Mediation  
 Child Representative Course run by the Law Council of Australia in conjunction with Legal Aid  
 National Accredited Mediator with NMAS

### Professional Experience:

Marguerite is currently practising as a Mediator and Conciliator.

Marguerite is available for Mediations and Conciliations being LEADR accredited and also accredited under the National Standards as a Nationally Accredited Mediator (NMAS).

Marguerite is a member of the Arts/Law Council of Australia as a Mediator.

Marguerite has the experience and skills to explore issues and assist parties in disputes find options and achieve best outcomes in areas including:

- Magistrates Court, County Court and Supreme Court disputes
- All commercial business to business and partnership disputes
- Business and Succession Planning
- Commercial claims and disputes
- Partnership and shareholder disputes
- Elder mediation
- Contractual disputes
- Tribunal matters
- VCAT matters – property, anti-discrimination and building disputes
- Probate, Estates and Wills
- Franchising, Retail Tenancy, domestic and Commercial building disputes
- Real Property, Environment, Planning, Neighbourhood and amenity related issues
- Employment contracts
- Work, Health and Safety
- Workers Compensation
- Workplace relations/bullying and harassment
- Drawing legal submissions, documents and advice

She also has extensive experience as a Solicitor and Advocate in all jurisdictions advising and acting for lawyers and the Australian Government Solicitor advising and appearing in large and complex commercial disputes relating to legal costs.

During the period 1998 – 2001 Marguerite acted as a volunteer Solicitor for Fitzroy Legal Aid Centre.

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## GRANT EZZY

### Qualifications

Admitted to the Legal Profession: 1981

### Professional experience

In 1982 Grant joined J S Tait & Co (as it then was) in Warrnambool where he was a partner for 22 years and then worked as a consultant for Tait's Legal until January 2020.

During that time Grant acted in numerous disputes and court proceedings in many jurisdictions.

Grant was an LIV accredited specialist in family law and also in commercial litigation for 25+ years of that time.

Grant became an associate member of the Institute of Arbitrators in 1993 and undertook training in arbitration and then mediation. Currently, Grant is a member of Resolution Institute and also a member of The Family Law Arbitrators & Mediators.

Since 1993, Grant has become more involved in alternative dispute resolution, not only in acting for the parties, but also as mediator.

Grant has been on the LIV Mediators Directory for many years and in April 2009 became accredited nationally with NMAS

His mediation practice has been in general litigation including family and defacto law, wills and testator's family maintenance, commercial disputes and employment, small business, leasing and mortgage disputes.

His preference has been for work in Warrnambool and western Victoria. However since the covid lock down starting June 2021, Grant has conducted a large number of mediations via zoom involving parties throughout Victoria and other States.

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## FRANCESCA FALDUTI

### Qualifications

Admitted to the Legal Profession: 1989

LIV Specialist Accreditation in Mediation: Since 1996

National Mediator Accreditation: Since 2008

### Professional experience

Francesca Falduti is a sole practitioner, and since 2000 has practised exclusively in mediating legal disputes. She has extensive training and experience as a mediator, and was first gazetted as a mediator in the Victorian Gazette in 1988.

Francesca mediates a variety of legal disputes in many jurisdictions including Magistrates' Court proceedings, Supreme and Federal Court proceedings, and VCAT.

She is a panel mediator at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the Office of the Small Business Commissioner, the Office of the Legal Services Commissioner and the Office of the Franchising Mediation Adviser.

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## ANDREW J FORD

### Qualifications

Admitted to the Legal Profession: 8 November 2011  
 Nationally Accredited Mediator: April 2011  
 Principal: Achieve Mediation  
 Academic & Other Qualifications: LLM(JD), BSc(Nurs), Dip Mgmt

### Professional experience



Andrew is the Principal Mediator of Achieve Mediation.

He is an admitted Solicitor & Barrister to the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court of Australia.

Andrew is a Nationally Accredited Mediator following advanced Mediation and Dispute Resolution studies at Bond and Monash Universities, and is a

member of the Australian Mediation Association. He has been a practising Mediator since 2005.

Andrew is appointed to the List of Mediators to the Magistrates Court of Victoria and to the Civil Mediation list with the Department of Justice where he is a contracted mediator with the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria. Andrew is also a Panel Mediator for the Victorian Small Business Commission.

Andrew practises mediation across a broad range of commercial disputes with a focus on personal injury and medico-legal matters, business and insurance disputes, retail leases, employment matters, wills and estates, building & construction, franchising and sports law.

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## ROB GOLDSTEIN

### Professional experience

Rob Goldstein is the Principal of Rob Goldstein Mediation. He is a Nationally Accredited Mediator through the LIV and LEADR. He has been conducting mediations since 2008.

Prior to turning his focus to growing a mediation practice, he was a Partner at Kliger Partners Lawyers in Melbourne, conducting a dispute resolution/litigation practice as an LIV Accredited Commercial Litigation Specialist.

He sits on a several panels of mediators, including the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the Victorian Small Business Commissioner and the Office of the Franchising Mediation Advisor. He is also sought after to conduct mediations in Supreme, County and Magistrates' Court proceedings.

He is briefed to conduct mediations in all commercial matters with a specific emphasis on disputes in the areas of franchising, lease, property, testator's family maintenance, trade practices and employment law.

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## GLENICE FOX

### Qualifications

Admitted to Legal Practice: 4 December 1989  
 LEADR Mediator Accreditation: 27 June 2007  
 Nationally Accredited Mediator: 28 July 2009  
 LIV Accredited Specialist Mediator: 13 October 2010  
 Academic & Other Qualifications: LLB, BA, Grad Cert in Dispute Resolution

### Professional experience

Glenice Fox is a highly experienced legal practitioner and mediator. She has been on several mediation and dispute resolution panels including the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Mediator Panel, the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria Mediator Panel, the Liquor Licensing Panel, the Panel of Dispute Resolution Office of the Small Business Commissioner, the Levy Poll Disputes Panel for the Dairy Service Levy Poll 2007 and the Municipal Association of Victoria list of recommended facilitators and mediators. She has also provided her expertise to La Trobe University, the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia, the Australian Commercial Disputes Centre Limited, Monash University and the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria as a mediation coach and mentor. She has a broad mediation practice and has mediated in hundreds of disputes including employment and workplace, commercial, business and property, planning, liquor licensing, landlord and tenant, estate, farm, family and domestic, adolescent and neighbourhood disputes.

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## SUSAN HAMILTON-GREEN

### Qualifications

Admitted to the Legal Profession: April 1984  
 Accredited by LIV as Family Law Specialist: 1990  
 Accredited by LIV as Mediation Specialist: 1993  
 Graduate Diploma in Judicial Administration and ADR: 1994  
 Vocational Graduate Diploma in Family Mediation: November 2008  
 Nationally Accredited Mediator: May 2009  
 Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Number: R1002799

### Professional experience

Susan Hamilton-Green has been a practising mediator for 19 years. She has undertaken mediation training with Relationships Australia and Bond University, and was a founding member of the Melbourne Family Mediation Group. For the last 10 years she has been involved in providing mediation training, coaching and supervisions on a private basis as well as for organisations including Relationships Australia, Bond University, Victoria Legal Aid and LEADR.

Susan currently undertakes mediations in a variety of matters but predominantly in the areas of family law (children's matters, property disputes, maintenance issues and de facto relationships), same sex relationships, work place disputes, and aged care matters.

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## GRAHAM WILLIAM HILLS

### Qualifications

Admitted to the Legal Profession: 1 April 1980  
 Law Institute of Victoria Specialist Mediator Accreditation: 1 May 1997  
 Nationally Accredited Mediator: 7 June 2010  
 Academic & Other Qualifications: LLB, BCom

### Professional experience

Graham Hills has been a specialist accredited mediator for some 14 years. In addition to his initial mediator accreditation by the LIV in 1997 and national accreditation in 2010, he is a member of the LIV Mediation Specialisation Committee.

He has a wide commercial litigation/mediation practice as solicitor including commercial, corporations, trade practices, sale of land, mortgages, landlord and tenant, professional negligence, equity, constructive trusts, testator's family maintenance, building and construction, administrative law and personal injury.

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## JONATHAN KAPLAN

### Qualifications

LIV Accredited Specialist in Mediation (2010)  
 National Mediator Accreditation Standards: 2008  
 LEADR Advanced Mediator  
 Admitted to Legal Profession (Victoria): 1991  
 LLM (Commercial Law), B.Proc.  
 Admitted to Legal Profession (South Africa): 1980

### Areas of mediation

- Magistrates Court, County Court and Supreme Court disputes
- All commercial business to business and partnership disputes
- Franchising
- Landlord and tenant
- Liquor law
- Building disputes
- Workplace disputes
- Estate disputes

### Panels and committees

- Law Institute of Victoria, Office of the Small Business
- Commissioner and Office of Franchising Mediation Advisor
- Honorary Legal Counsel to the Australian Institute of Business
- Brokers (Victorian Chapter) (2011-2016)
- Chair of ADR Committee (Litigation Lawyers Section – Law Institute of Victoria)
- Advisory Committee Member (Mediation Law Accredited Specialisation)

### Professional experience



Having more than 35 years' combined experience as a lawyer, retailer and mediator provides me with an important advantage, namely a practical perspective and commercial understanding when dealing with parties in dispute. As a lawyer I relate well to both legal representatives and to their clients, who appreciate the comfort that their mediator understands and has experienced the realities of commercial life,

whether as a landlord or tenant, vendor or purchaser, partner in a business, builder or owner and franchisor or franchisee. As important as it is to the parties that I work with, so is a high level of integrity important to me. As I also conduct a legal practice, where I am engaged to conduct a mediation, I agree not act for any of the legally represented parties involved in the mediation in any legal matter thereafter. Please refer to my website for more detailed information.

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## CHRISTINE McCARTHY

### Qualifications

Admitted to the Legal Profession: 1 April 1977  
LEADR Accreditation: July 2009 accreditation which is current.  
Academic & Other Qualifications: LLM, University of Melbourne

### Professional experience



Christine is an Ombudsman at the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). AFCA provides an alternative dispute resolution mechanism to litigation in the banking, financial services, and insurance markets. Christine has adjudicated and mediated disputes for AFCA since 2007. Christine is also on the Mediator Panel of the

Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and mediates civil disputes at VCAT. Christine was senior legal counsel at Worksafe and attended hundreds of Court ordered mediations, settlement conferences and Judicial Settlement Conferences in that role. She was also a litigation partner in a law firm where she specialised in insurance law, medical negligence, personal injury litigation and insolvency related commercial litigation.

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## ADRIAN McGIRR

### Qualifications

Principal – McGirr Mediation Resolutions  
DSV – Accredited Mediator  
Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia – Accredited Mediator  
Nationally Accredited Mediator  
Qualified Court Registrar  
Diploma Business Management  
Principal Registrar, Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal  
Current Member of LIV and Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia

### Professional experience

Mr McGirr has had a long and distinguished career in government with more than 38 years of experience in the Victorian courts hierarchy, which includes Magistrates, County, and Supreme Court jurisdictions.

Throughout his career he has been called upon to analyse and evaluate complex issues in relation to the operations of the Court and legislative change.

Over the last 15 years he has specialised in dispute resolution in pre-trial conferences as a court registrar, and as an independent mediator in County, Supreme, Federal, & VCAT jurisdictions.

During this period he has conducted more than 10,000 conferences and 1500 mediations, with a success rate of 95 percent. In this capacity he has specialised in a wide range of litigation including:

- Personal injuries
- TAC/VWA matters
- Contract disputes
- Building & construction
- Employment disputes
- Leasing & property disputes – domestic & commercial
- Franchise & partnership
- Corporation law matters
- Banking & finance
- Defacto property
- Wills & probate

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## ROLAND MÜLLER

### Qualifications

Admitted to the Legal Profession: 2009  
 LIV Accredited Specialist (Commercial Litigation): 2014  
 Nationally Accredited Mediator (NMAS): 2014  
 Academic qualifications: BSc (Melb), LLM(LP) (Monash), LLM (Sydney)

### Professional experience

Roland is available to mediate in commercial and private litigation matters, workplace disputes and in accordance with contractual ADR clauses. Customising his approach to the needs of the parties in each mediation, he takes pride in assisting even the most entrenched, high-conflict parties to go beyond compromise and to create additional value in the resolution of their dispute, no matter how complex.

Roland complements his mediation work through his work as a solicitor advocate, acting primarily in litigation, regulatory, employment law and criminal law proceedings. As a lawyer who frequently acts in court proceedings, he is keenly aware of the benefit to the parties of resolving litigious matters promptly and efficiently. In addition to representing parties directly, he is also engaged by other practitioners for court appearances, dispute resolution and advice work. He is an accredited specialist in commercial litigation serving on the LIV Commercial Litigation Advisory Committee, a member of the Federal Litigation and Dispute Resolution section of the Law Council of Australia, LIV mentor and a member of AIJA and LEADR.

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## DONNA ROSS

### Qualifications

Admitted to the legal profession: 2017 (NSW) 2003 (New York)  
 Accredited Specialist in Mediation by the Law Institute of Victoria  
 Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb)  
 Grade 2 Arbitrator with Resolution Institute (IAMA)

### Professional experience



Donna Ross has worked as a lawyer for 25 years and as a mediator for 20 years. She is an NMAS and U.S. accredited mediator with extensive experience in ADR and law across several continents.

Donna advises and represents clients in contract and settlement negotiations, mediations and arbitrations.

Her expertise is primarily commercial and includes areas such as breach of contract and fiduciary duty, franchising, retail leases, partnership, employment, shareholder and import/distribution matters. She also specialises in drafting dispute resolution clauses.

She sits on numerous mediation and arbitration panels including the Magistrates' Court of Victoria, VSBC, the Franchising Mediation List, Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman and the WIPO and AICA.

Donna teaches mediation, negotiation and arbitration for Latrobe Law School, CIArb (Chartered Institute of Arbitrators), ADC (the Australian Dispute Centre) and provides PD sessions on mediation advocacy to law firms.

An active supporter of ADR in Australia, Donna is a frequent guest speaker and volunteers as a coach and judge at ADR events. She is on the steering committee of the ICC Australia Asia Pacific Commercial Mediation Competition, chair of the Resolution Institute Victorian Arbitration and Chapter Committees and a member of other DR institutes. Donna is trilingual in English, French and Spanish and speaks fluent Italian.

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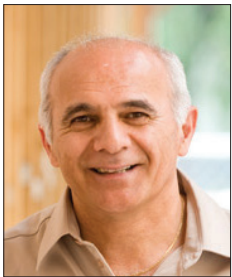
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## EDWARD SAMO

### Qualifications

LLB, M Eng, B Arch (Hon)  
Admitted to Legal Profession: 4 December 2000  
Nationally Accredited Mediator: 16 September 2011

### Professional experience



Edward Samo is a lawyer with more than 33 years experience in the building industry working as an architect, project manager, mediator and lawyer resolving disputes.

Ed went to the Building Commission in July 2002 from a national law firm, to set up and manage the Dispute Resolution Unit (DRU). Ed left in early December

2007 and established SAMO Lawyers returning to practise law and consult in construction law. Ed was also responsible for delivering the new Guide to Standards and Tolerances 2007, a document widely used in the resolving and reducing disputes in the domestic building industry in Victoria, NSW, ACT and Tasmania. Ed is the principal of SAMO Lawyers specialising in building disputes. Ed is a nationally accredited mediator, has been appointed as a Mediator in VCAT (since June 2009) and is on the Panel of Mediators in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria. Ed is also an adjudicator under the *Building & Construction Industry Security of Payment Act*. Ed was involved in judging the Master Builders Association of Victoria's Regional Building Awards and the State Excellence in Housing & Excellence in Construction for many years.

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## VASANTHA STESIN LLM

### Qualifications

B Sc (Pharmacy): 22 May 1980  
LLB (Wales), LLM (London)  
Graduate Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution (University of Queensland): 21 July 2010  
Admitted to the Bar of England and Wales (Lincoln's Inn): 27 November 1990  
Admitted to the Australian Legal Profession: 11 May 1994  
Nationally Accredited Mediator: 6 April 2011

### Professional experience



Vasantha Stesin is a pharmacist and the principal of Stesin Legal. She has, from 1980, developed extensive commercial experience internationally, having worked in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Asia Pacific and Australia for multinational corporations in training, marketing and business development.

She has also advised and litigated within

the corporate and commercial arena for 22 years and taught postgraduate tertiary students for more than 12 years.

Vasantha's legal experience spans:

- A broad range of commercial matters;
- Regulatory and compliance work;
- Intellectual property especially patent litigation;
- Extensive advice within the healthcare arena; and
- Litigation in the AAT, Federal and High Court.

Vasantha mediates for the Office of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner. She has a special interest in mediation and negotiation, currently within the corporate area especially with pharmaceutical and related health care industries.

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## STEPHEN WHITE

### Qualifications

NMAS Accredited Mediator

LLB, BSc (Computer Science), Masters of Industrial Property Fellow, Australian International Centre for Commercial Arbitration Fellow IAMA Grade 1 Arbitrator and Mediator Fellow, Australian Computer Society LIV Accredited Specialist in Commercial Litigation: Since 1998.

- Trade Mark Attorney
- Panellist on IAMA's .au domain name dispute resolution panel  
Panellist on LEADR's domain name dispute resolution panel;
- Mediator Panelist on WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Centre's general list of mediators and arbitrators
- Panelist on AUDA's Review Panel
- Accor Group certificate in commercial mediation
- University of Adelaide professional certificate in arbitration and mediation
- University of Southern Queensland Advanced Insolvency course

### Professional experience



Principal and founder of White SW Computer Law, a law firm with offices in Melbourne and Sydney practising in intellectual property, information technology and telecommunications law.

Mr White has more than 20 years' experience in the information technology industry both in Australia and overseas.

He is a regular speaker on intellectual

property, information technology and telecommunications law.

Stephen also published work in Australian and international journals and texts.

He was the arbitrator in the leading decision of arbitration decisions under the new UNCITRAL framework namely *Larkden Pty Limited v Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited* [2011] NSWSC 268, *Larkden Pty Limited v Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited* [2011] NSWSC 1305, *Larkden Pty Limited v Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited* [2011] NSWSC 1331, *Larkden Pty Limited v Lloyd Energy Systems Pty Limited* [2011] NSWSC 1567.

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Bachelor of Laws

Australian Legal Practitioner under the Legal Profession Act 2004

Accredited Specialist in Mediation: Since 1997 (LIV)

Accredited Mediator under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS)

### Areas of practice/expertise

Extensive experience as a practising lawyer since 1971;

Practised extensively in litigation, including commercial litigation, personal injury, will and estates;

Interest in small business and corporate governance; and

Conducted numerous mediations since 1997 in all jurisdictions.

### Memberships/appointments

Member of the LIV;

Associate of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators;

Former member of the LIV's ADR Specialisation Committee;

Member of the Magistrates' Court List of External Mediators;

Former President Ballarat and District Law Association;

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