

REROC

RIVERINA | ASTERN REGIONAL
ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS

Code of Conduct Reviewer Application Form

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Mediate Today Pty Ltd

ABN:

91 114 478 769

Eligibility Criteria

Please tick each criteria that applies to your application:

- An understanding of local government
 - Knowledge of investigative processes
 - Knowledge of procedural fairness
 - Knowledge of the Public Disclosures Act
 - Experience in investigations
 - Experience in law
 - Experience in public administration
 - Experience in public sector ethics
 - Experience in ADR
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Fees and Charges

Charge-out rate for Preliminary Assessments

Charge our rate for participation in Conduct Review Committee meetings

Other Fees or Charges that will apply, please detail:

longstay parking / airline travel / kilometers @ NRMA recommended rate / accommodation.

~~We DO NOT charge for travel time, transcription fees or an administration fee.~~

Member Councils

For which REROC Member Councils do you wish to work?

- Bland
- Coolamon
- Cootamundra-Gundagai
- Greater Hume
- Junee
- Lockhart
- Snowy Valleys
- Temora
- Wagga Wagga
- Riverina Water
- Goldenfields Water
- All of the above

Declaration

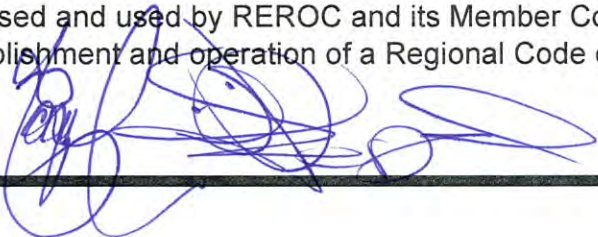
I declare that I am not::

- (a) a councillor; or
- (b) a nominee for election as a councillor; or
- (c) an administrator of a council appointed under the Act other than under section 66; or
- (d) an employee of a council; or
- (e) a member of the Commonwealth Parliament or any State Parliament or Territory Assembly; or
- (f) a nominee for election as a member of the Commonwealth Parliament or any State Parliament or Territory Assembly; or
- (g) a person who has a conviction for an indictable offence that is not an expired conviction.

I declare that I am eligible for appointment to the position of Conduct Reviewer.

I agree that the information I have provided for this application, including my personal information can be accessed and used by REROC and its Member Councils for purposes which are consistent with the establishment and operation of a Regional Code of Conduct Reviewer Panel.

Signature:



Date:

24 July 2017

Expressions of Interest for the REROC Regional Code of Conduct Reviewer Panel close at 5.00p.m. on 25 July, 2017

Expressions of Interest should be marked "EOI - Regional Code of Conduct Reviewer Panel" and submitted by email to jbriggs@reroc.com.au or mailed to REROC, PO Box 646, Wagga Wagga, NSW, 2650

EOI - REGIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEWER PANEL

This Expression of Interest (EOI) is for the appointment of the principals of *Mediate Today Pty Ltd* (ABN 91 114 478 769) ('Mediate Today'), namely, Robert Anthony Lopich and Lorraine Joan Lopich to the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Council's ('REROC') Panel of Independent Code of Conduct Reviewers ('Panel').

Introduction

Mediate Today is an Australian company wholly owned by its principals, Robert and Lorraine Lopich. It is also one of the oldest privately owned dispute resolution organisations in Australia.

Mediate Today was amongst the first organisations to be appointed in 2012 / 2013 as a member of the pool of Code of Conduct Reviewers to serve a number of Regional Organisations of Councils including the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC), the Northern Sydney Regional Organisations of Councils (NSROC) and the South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC).

Currently, Mediate Today and its principals, Robert and Lorraine Lopich are Code of Conduct Reviewers for Fairfield City Council, Blacktown City Council, Albury City Council, Griffith City Council, Holroyd City Council, The Hills Shire Council, Camden Council, Willoughby City Council, North Sydney Council, Wollondilly Shire Council, Lane Cove Council, Wyong Shire Council, Gosford City Council, Norfolk Island Regional Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council and others.

Mediate Today has also recently been appointed as Panel Member of the RAMROC independent Code of Conduct Reviewers.

We are aware that appointment to the REROC Panel of Conduct Reviewers is for a term of up to 4 years and that such appointment is at the discretion of each member Council.

We also note that:-

- I. no remuneration is attached to selection by REROC or member Councils (except when engaged to provide services);
- II. no warranty or guarantee of work is provided;
- III. no partnership or relationship of employment is to be inferred

Eligibility Considerations

- a) *Understanding of Local Government* - Since 2012 Robert and Lorraine Lopich have conducted numerous preliminary assessments and investigations for Councils in relation to issues arising pursuant to their Codes of Conduct. As senior Mediators, they have a demonstrated ability to work effectively within the local government environment and to establish productive and professional relationships with Council Officers and Councillors.

Robert and Lorraine are also lawyers holding unrestricted practising certificates and are the principals of Collaborative Lawyers Pty Ltd operating as 'Lopich Lawyers'. They have provided a broad range of legal services to a number of Councils in New South Wales over a period of years spanning from 1986 to the present.

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Consequently, Robert and Lorraine have a sound demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the needs and expectations of Local Government. We are confident that we meet and will exceed your expectations.

- b) *Knowledge of Investigative Process* – as practising lawyers and mediators holding National Accreditation under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS) both Robert and Lorraine understand and adhere to the principles of procedural fairness and ethical decision making as prescribed by the Model Code of Conduct and inter alia, the *Public Interest Disclosures Act, 1994*. As senior lawyers they are used to working with and interpreting statutory instruments, Acts and Regulations as well as the application of legal principles. In particular, they are familiar with the provisions of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act, 1994*, *Local Government Act, 1993* and a range Council Policies including Codes of Meeting Practice, Procurement Policies and Codes, WHS Codes of Conduct and others.

They are both well acquainted with and experienced in:-

- i) conducting investigations and enquiries and the gathering of evidence;
 - ii) the application legal principles and the interpretation of legal and complex issues;
 - iii) administration of public policy and decision making in the local government sphere;
 - iv) public sector ethics and ethical decision making per the *Government Sector Employment Act, 2013* particularly at Part 2: Ethical framework for government sector;
 - v) all areas of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and the application of ADR in the resolution of issues within local government.
- c) *Knowledge and Experience* - Robert and Lorraine are senior highly experienced mediators, and lawyers. Their many years of experience in conducting difficult and complex mediations and resolving legal disputes has equipped them with the skills needed to properly consider and evaluate the complex issues that are often at the heart of Code of Conduct complaints.

Their substantial experience as ADR practitioners working with local government organisations gives them a unique insight into the needs and expectations of local government.

This knowledge and experience gained by them as a result of having conducted numerous Preliminary Assessments and Investigations of Code of Conduct complaints makes them leaders and innovators in this difficult area.

Please see our website at: www.mediate.com.au and the CVs of Robert & Lorraine Lopich attached.

Eligibility / Conflict of Interest

Both Robert and Lorraine Lopich are aware of the provisions of Clause 3.6 subclauses a) to g)

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inclusive of the *Procedures for Administration of the Code of Conduct*. Specifically, neither Robert nor Lorraine Lopich are or have at any time been:

- a councillor or nominee for election as a councillor of any of the individual member Councils of REROC;
- an Administrator of any of the individual member Councils of REROC;
- an employee of any of the individual member Councils of REROC;
- a member of the Commonwealth Parliament or a State Parliament or Territory Assembly;
- convicted of an indictable offence; or
- a former councillor or employee at any time of any of the individual member Councils of REROC.

Neither Robert nor Lorraine have any actual or perceived conflict of interest affecting any REROC Member Councils.

Our Pricing Schedule

Mediate Today's hourly rate is \$270.00 (a GST inclusive rate of **\$297.00**) and is calculated on the basis 4 X 15 minute units per hour or part thereof.

In addition to our hourly rate we will charge out of pocket expenses (e.g. paid parking, travel and accommodation) at invoice cost.

We **DO NOT** charge for travel time;
 We **DO NOT** charge for administrative costs; and
 We **DO NOT** for transcription services.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Both Robert and Lorraine Lopich have in place the following insurances with Berkley Insurance Australia which is current to 30 September 2017:-

Professional Indemnity Insurance	Policy # 201604-0816 R1 BIA	\$20,000,000.00
Public Liability Insurance	Policy # 201604-0816 R1 BIA	\$20,000,000.00
Products Liability Insurance	Policy # 201604-0816 R1 BIA	\$20,000,000.00

Additional Considerations:-

Telephone & Skype Conferencing – to limit costs to REROC member Councils we will conduct Preliminary Assessments pursuant to The Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct and interviews by telephone and Skype conferencing wherever appropriate.

Ability to Prepare Reports – Mediate Today has modern fully equipped office premises and facilities that enable Robert and Lorraine Lopich to quickly and accurately prepare investigative reports, assessments and similar documents.

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High Standard of Service – the principals of Mediate Today are sensitive to the needs of their clients and strive to provide an outstanding level of service at a moderate price calculated at the hourly rates set out in the EOI;

Flexibility and Availability - both Robert and Lorraine Lopich are available to provide services to REROC member Councils on reasonable notice. Because they are part of a small operation they are able to be highly responsive, flexible and to react quickly to the needs of REROC member Councils.


Value Adding

As a Recognised Mediator Accreditation Body ('RMAB') Mediate Today is uniquely positioned to offer a range of soft skills trainings and programs including national mediator accreditation training as required by the Mediator Standards Board (MSB) under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS). We also provide a range of short course trainings such as 'Local Government for Newly Elected Councillors', 'Dealing with Difficult People', 'Mediation Skills for Managers' and others.

Further, we are also able to deliver mediation, community facilitation and dispute resolution services to REROC member Councils in relation to workplace disputes, contentious development applications and a range of other issues that affect Councils from time to time.

Dated: 24 July 2017

Signed: 
Robert Lopich / Director

Signed: 
Lorraine Lopich / Director

Robert Lopich
Mediate Today Pty Ltd (ABN 91 114 478 769)
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Introduction

Robert Lopich is a director and principal of Mediate Today Pty Ltd, Collaborative Lawyers Pty Ltd (an incorporated legal practice operating as "Lopich Lawyers") and the Texas based Global Collaborative Law Council. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Mediation Conference and is a past President of Collaborative Professionals (NSW) Inc. He is also a member of ADRA, the Law Society of NSW and the Dispute Resolution Section and the Mediation Section of the American Bar Association. He holds a current, unrestricted practising certificate and has in excess of 35 years experience in providing high quality legal and non-adversarial dispute resolution services to his clients.



Robert believes that:-

"If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to treat every problem as a nail." (Abraham Maslow)

He is a mediator, conciliator, negotiator and facilitator holding national accreditation under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS) with Mediate Today Pty Ltd, Resolution Institute and the Law Society of New South Wales. He is also a dispute resolution trainer and a collaborative lawyer (Advanced Level), collaborative law trainer / coach and a Level 3 mediator with specialised accreditation from the Australian Commercial Disputes Centre (ACDC) in Local Government Mediation, Business and Commercial Mediation and has completed the Advanced Mediation Certificate with Bond University.

Robert also holds a Certificate IV, Assessment and Workplace Training and has completed the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, "Training the Trainers" program.

Robert has had a long association working with government and local government. He has worked as a mediator, dispute resolution practitioner, Code of Conduct Reviewer and community facilitator as well as a legal practitioner for government, local government and semi-government organisations such as the Australian Department of Transport and Snowy Hydro Ltd.

As well as conducting commercial, workplace and local government mediations through Mediate Today, he is also a panel mediator for the following organisations / bodies:-

- Law Society of New South Wales, Panel of Mediators;
- the Office of the Franchising Mediation Adviser; and
- Produce and Grocery Industry Ombudsman.

Robert is a member of the mediation training team of Mediate Today Pty Ltd and is frequently involved in providing mediator accreditation training to meet the requirements of the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS). Robert also conducts a range of short course programs to meet the continuing professional development requirements set out in the NMAS Approval Standards for national accreditation.

He also conducts training in soft mediation skills for organisations to assist their staff in such areas as 'Dealing with the Public', 'Handling Conflict in the Workplace', 'Basic Mediation Skills for Managers' and other topics.

Robert was part of the training team involved in providing national mediator accreditation trainings under the NMAS for the Far West Local Health District at Broken Hill, Public Schools NSW and

advanced mediation trainings, workplace mediations and team building workshops for organisations such as the Far West Local Health District, Maari Ma, Woollahra Municipal Council, North Sydney Council, Wollondilly Shire Council, Ku-ring-gai Council and others.

He has delivered papers on dispute resolution in Ireland, the USA and is a frequent presenter for the NSW College of Law.

As a mediator, Robert has conducted and been a member of the community participation / engagement team in a range of community facilitations (consultations) in relation to contentious development applications for a number of local government agencies including Wollongong City Council, Wollondilly Council, Northern Beaches Council and Bankstown City Council.

In January 2013, Robert and Mediate Today Pty Ltd were amongst the first to be appointed as members of the Code of Conduct Reviewer Panels for the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC), the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) and the South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC). He has also been appointed as a conduct reviewer to the panels of North Sydney Council, Holroyd City Council, Fairfield City Council, Willoughby City Council, Lane Cove Council, Wollondilly Shire Council, Wyong Shire Council and Gosford City Council, Strathfield Municipal Council, Camden Council, Albury City Council, Griffith City Council, Port Stephens Council, Guyra Shire Council, Hawkesbury City Council, the Hills Shire Council, Norfolk Island Regional Council, Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Palerang Council.

Robert has also recently been appointed as an independent Panel Member of the RAMROC Code of Conduct Reviewers.

He provides a range of services to a number of these organisation including Code of Conduct reviews and investigations, mediations and team building programs.

As a legal practitioner, Robert has significant experience acting for local government having acted for Snowy River Shire Council and Shellharbour City Council in relation to a broad cross section of matters from commercial litigation to the creation of easements and covenants affecting land, compulsory acquisition of land pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, rezoning applications, residential and commercial land transactions including the subdivision of Council owned land for commercial and residential use, sale and purchase of residential and commercial land, commercial leases, various Deeds, Licenses and Agreements.

Although Robert no longer conducts litigation matters, he conducts a collaborative law practice in the areas of commercial and business matters, including disputes concerning partnerships and joint venturers, contractual issues, franchising, company directors, liability and warranty disputes, construction and building disputes, local government, planning and environmental issues, property development issues, commercial and residential property (including commercial and retail lease matters), and industrial and workplace relations.

Accomplishments

- May 1986 - established Robert Lopich & Associates;
- August 1995 - Successfully tendered to provide legal services to the Australian Department of Transport, Airport Task Force;
- September 1995 - Lopich Lawyers commenced to practise in Canberra;
- June 2005 – Lopich Lawyers commenced to practise in Sydney;
- November 2011 – acquired alternative dispute resolution organisation, Mediate Today Pty Ltd.

Tertiary Education

Diploma in Law (S.A.B.) - University of Sydney, Law Extension Committee 1982

Courses

- Integrated Sustainability - University of Technology of Sydney, Centre for Local Government;
- Development Control - University of Technology of Sydney, Centre for Local Government;
- Mediation Certificate - Bond University, Dispute Resolution Centre;
- Certificate of Accreditation - Mediation Level 3, Business & Commercial Mediation, Australian Commercial Dispute Centre;
- Certificate of Accreditation - Mediation Level 3, Local Government Mediation, Australian Commercial Dispute Centre;
- Collaborative Law Practice Program - University of Technology of Sydney: Law Short Course, presented by Stuart Webb and Marion Korn;
- Advanced Mediation Skills Workshop - The Heart of Conflict: Advanced Skills for the Dispute Resolution Professional - presented by Bernie Mayer for LEADR;
- Advanced Mediation Certificate - Bond University, Dispute Resolution Centre;
- Certificate IV, Assessment and Workplace Training - The Illawarra Information Technology Centre;
- Workplace Dispute ADR Training - The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia;
- Collaborative Law Negotiation Skills - National Centre of Collaborative Law, presented by Dr Tom Altobelli;
- Advanced Collaborative Practice - University of Technology of Sydney, presented by Marion Korn;
- Advanced Collaborative Practice 2007 - University of Technology of Sydney, presented by Marion Korn;
- Advanced Strategies Workshop and Private Session Strategies Workshop - LEADR presented by Forrest (Woody) Mosten, April 2007;
- Narrative Mediation Training with Richard Jaffee Cohen, JD, July 2008;
- Training The Trainers Program - The International Academy of Collaborative Professionals, New Orleans, October 2008;
- Kongres 2009 - LEADR 10th Annual International Conference - September 2009;
- American Bar Association – Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference – April 2009;
- American Bar Association – Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference – April 2011;
- Kongres 2011 - LEADR 12th Annual International Conference - September 2011;
- Engaging the Public Controversy - with Peter Adler for LEADR - November 2011;
- American Bar Association – Section of Dispute Resolution Spring Conference – Spring 2012;
- "Appreciating Change" – Appreciative Inquiry training – with Sarah Lewis – November 2014.

Professional Qualifications and Standing

- Admitted to practise as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Federal Court of Australia and High Court of Australia in 1982;
- Admitted to practise as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in 1992;
- Holds a current unrestricted practising certificate as an Australian legal practitioner;
- Nationally Accredited Mediator and member of Resolution Institute;
- Office of the Franchising Mediation Adviser panel mediator;
- Produce and Grocery Industry Ombudsman panel mediator;
- Nationally Accredited Mediator and panel mediator for the Law Society of New South Wales;
- Accredited mediator in Local Government Mediation, Australian Commercial Dispute Centre;
- Accredited mediator in Business & Commercial Mediation, Australian Commercial Dispute Centre;
- Collaborative Lawyer (Advanced Level);

Trainings and Papers Delivered

- Worked as training coach during the Introductory Collaborative Practice and the Advanced Collaborative Practice courses conducted by Marion Korn in 2006 through the University of Technology of Sydney;
- Worked as training coach during the Introductory Collaborative Practice and the Advanced Collaborative Practice courses conducted by Marion Korn in 2007 through the University of Technology of Sydney;
- Co-trainer with David Hoffman of the Boston Law Collaborative for LEADR training Commercial Collaborative Practice - September 2007;
- Collaborative Law An Australian Experience - NSW State Legal Conference, August 2007;
- Collaborative Practice - An Effective Tool for the Resolution of International Commercial Disputes [co-authors: Robert Lopich & Paul Faxon], Meitheal Collaborative Practice Conference, Cork, Ireland, May 2008;
- Collaborative Law Overview Towards Collaborative Problem Solving in Business at the 9th National Mediation Conference in Perth (September 2008); Collaborative Practice - An Effective Tool for the Resolution of International Commercial Disputes [co-authors: Robert Lopich & Paul Faxon], 9th Annual Conference of the International Academy of Collaborative Professional in New Orleans (October 2008);
- as co-trainer for Mediate Today Pty Ltd - 5 Day Mediator Accreditation Training Program (January 2012);
- as co-trainer for Mediate Today Pty Ltd – 5 Day Mediator Accreditation Training Program (March 2013);
- 2014 – Various short soft mediation skills trainings;
- Basic Mediation Training that meets the Standard for National Accreditation, Far West Health, 2 - 6 March 2015;
- Advanced Mediation - Strength Based - Far West Health, 9 March 2015.

Memberships

- National Mediation Conference Ltd (former Director);
- Collaborative Professionals (NSW) Inc. (past President);
- Global Collaborative Law Council (Director)
- Law Society of New South Wales;
- Law Society of New South Wales Panel of Mediators;
- Law Council of Australia - Business Law Section;
- Australian Dispute Resolution Association (ADRA);
- National Centre of Collaborative Law;
- Asia Pacific Mediation Forum.

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Curriculum Vitae

Lorraine Lopich has been a director of Collaborative Lawyers Pty Ltd (an incorporated legal practice operating as "Lopich Lawyers") since she was admitted to practice as a solicitor and Barrister in 1993. She is a member of the Law Society of NSW and holds a current practising certificate. She has been a director of Mediate Today Pty Ltd since 2011.

Lorraine is a collaborative lawyer, nationally accredited mediator, registered family dispute resolution practitioner and international facilitator and trainer. She has had the conduct of litigated disputes in the Land & Environment Court and the Supreme Court of NSW, Family Courts of Australia (including appeals to the Full Court) and the Supreme Court of Tasmania (including appeals). During more than 25 years of providing dispute resolution services she has had a strong commitment to the principles of mediation and facilitation of community consultation. Prior to her admission as a legal practitioner she was consultant engaged by the Commonwealth Government, Victoria Government and Melbourne and Metropolitan Board to organise a conference, including interest group facilitation, regarding the disposal of hazardous industrial waste. Lorraine also served on the NSW Regional Environmental Planning Committee and chaired the Snowy River Shire Council Development and Planning Committee for which she chaired and facilitated community participation meeting regarding proposed developments.

Lorraine has provided services to a number of local government Councils, including North Sydney, Kuring-gai, Warringah and Wollondilly including mediations and facilitations of development application disputes, and workplace disputes. She is on the panel of Code of Conduct Reviewers for the Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) and its member Councils and shortly thereafter she was also appointed to the panel of Conduct Reviewers for Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) and the South East Regional Organisation of Councils (SEROC), North Sydney Council, Holroyd City Council, Fairfield City Council, Willoughby City Council, Lane Cove Council, Wollondilly Shire Council, Wyong Shire Council and Gosford City Council, Strathfield Municipal Council, Camden Council, Albury City Council, Griffith City Council, Port Stephens Council, Guyra Shire Council, Hawkesbury City Council, the Hills Shire Council, Norfolk Island Regional, Liverpool Plains Shire Council and Palerang Council.

Lorraine has also recently been appointed as a Code of Conduct Reviewer to panel for RAMROC.

Since 2013 Lorraine has facilitated stakeholders consultations for Wollondilly Shire Council, Bankstown Council and Warringah Council.

She also provides training services and dispute resolution services to Government Departments including NSW Health and Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation and the NSW Department of Education.

Lorraine is also a qualified Family Group Conference Facilitator and a FACS panel members. She organises and facilitates family group conferences for family who are at imminent risk of children being taken into care.

Qualifications

- Admitted to practice as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW, 1992.
- Admitted to practice as a solicitor; High Court of Australia and the Federal Court of Australia, 1993
- Admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of the ACT, 1995
- Nationally Accredited Mediator, Law Society of NSW.
- Certificate IV Training & Assessment, 2006
- Internationally Accredited Trainer, Toolbox Company, Netherlands, 2012
- Trainer – Mediation & Collaborative Law (International Academy of Collaborative Professionals standard)
- Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner No. R1003816 and FDRP supervisor
- Accredited Family Law Arbitrator

Current Areas of Practice

- Collaborative law, mediation, facilitation and family dispute resolution
- Trainer – mediation & collaborative law for organisation including:-
 - Mediate Today professional development unit, School of Law University of Wollongong;
 - collaborative law for the Professional Development Unit: LAW, University of Technology Sydney;
 - the Law Institute of Victoria;
 - CLE Masters Family Law;
 - LexisNexis
- Panel mediator for the Law Society of NSW;
- Panel – FACS Family Group Conferencing Facitator;
- Author: Australian Family Law: Sections; Collaborative Law, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Family Relationship Centres published by Lexis/Nexis until 2015. Papers on collaborative family law practice that have been published by dispute resolution associations including LEADR and ADRB.

Trainings and Papers Delivered include:

- Mediation – NSW Department of Education 2015 &2016
- Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Courts – College of Forensic Psychologist Annual Conference, 17 April 2015;
- Basic Mediation Training that meets the Standard for National Accreditation, Far West Health, 2 – 6 March 2015;
- Appreciative Inquiry Team building workshop Maari Ma, Broken Hill
- Advanced Mediation - Strength Based - Far West Health, 9 March 2015;
- Mediation and Collaborative Practice in Family Law – UNSW Masters of Psychology, Uni of NSW March 2014 & 2015;
- Regular Basic Mediation Training that meets Standards for National Accreditation for Mediate Today Pty Ltd
- LGSA, Inducting New Councillors;

- LGSA Mediation for Councillors;
- Appreciative Team Building Wollondilly Shire Council;
- "Mediation Style Conferencing" National Mediation Conference, Sydney 2012;
- "Pre Litigation Collaborative Dispute Resolution Procedures – Resolving Conflict and Defining Issues" 3rd Annual Public Sector Litigation and Dispute Resolution Forum, Canberra, 2012;
- "Systems Engineering as a Tool in Collaborative Dispute Resolution in Cross Border Disputes" American Bar Association Annual Dispute Resolution, Washington, 2012;
- "Collaborative Dispute Resolution in Cross Border Disputes" American Bar Association Annual Dispute Resolution conference, Denver, 2011;
- "Collaborative Dispute Resolution in International Wills and Estates Dispute, STEP AGM, London, 2011;
- Collaborative Practice and the Advanced Collaborative Practice courses 2006 & 2007 - University of Technology of Sydney;
- "Collaborative Dispute Resolution" American Bar Association Annual Dispute Resolution Conference, San Francisco, 2010;
- Collaborative Practice and the Advanced Collaborative Practice courses 2006 & 2007 - University of Wollongong, 2010;
- Co-trainer with Pauline Tesler and Peggy Thompson, New Zealand, Australia and United States of America, 2008;
- "Legislative Overview of Collaborative Law", Meitheal Collaborative Practice Conference, Cork, Ireland, May 2008;
- Co-trainer with David Hoffman of the Boston Law Collaborative for LEADR training Commercial Collaborative Practice - September 2007;
- "Collaborative Law An Australian Experience" – NSW State Legal Conference, August 2007;
- 2006 – In-house mediation and collaborative law training for private legal practices and other organisations.

Education & Qualifications

- Bachelor of Legal Studies Macquarie University, 1992.
- CHC80308 Vocational Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution with Distinction
- Advanced Collaborative Law – UTS.
- Mediation Certificate, Bond University – Dispute Resolution Centre, 2004.
- Framework for Mediation Practice, Unifam Counselling & Mediation, 2005.
- Certificates of Accreditation – Mediation Level 3, (i) Business & Commercial Mediation; and (ii) Local Government Mediation, Australian Commercial Dispute Centre, 2005.
- Collaborative Law Practice Program, UTS: LAW short course, Presented by Stuart G Webb and Marion F Korn
- Advanced Mediation Skills conducted by Professor. Bernie Mayer, School of Law Creighton University, 2005
- Advanced Mediation Certificate, Bond University – Dispute Resolution Centre, 2005
- Dispute Resolution Certificate, AIFLAM in conjunction with Bond University Dispute Resolution Centre, 2005
- Certificate IV Assessment and Workplace Training, Training Masters, 2006
- International Trainer, Toolbox Company, Netherlands 2012
- Workplace Relations ADR Training Program, The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia. 2006
- Family Law Arbitration – AIFLAM and Bond University – Dispute Resolution Centre
- Engaging the Public Controversy – with Peter Adler for LEADR – November 2011.

- Appreciative Inquiry, Sarah Lewis November 2014.
- Family Group Conferencing Facilitator 2016

Memberships

- Law Society of NSW and the Law Society of NSW Dispute Resolution Panel
- Collaborative Professionals (NSW) – Inaugural Secretary and President 2006 -2009
- International Academy of Collaborative Professionals (IACP) (Member of the Board 2007-2009)
- Global Collaborative Law Council, Advisory Director
- Family Law Section, Law Council of Australia
- Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators
- ADRA (past member of the Board) Collaborative Professionals (NSW) Inc (President 2007-2009)

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