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Professor Tania Sourdin is the Dean of the University of Newcastle Law School and was previously the Foundation Chair and Director of the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation (ACJI) at Monash University in Australia.

Professor Sourdin has led national research projects and produced important recommendations for justice reform. In the past two decades, she has conducted qualitative and quantitative research projects into aspects of the dispute resolution and justice system systems in 12 Courts and Tribunals and six external dispute resolution schemes. Other research has focussed on justice innovation, technology, delay and systemic reforms. In relation to Technology and Ai she has been awarded two Australian Research Council grants and this work has resulted in two working discretionary legal domain models. Her work outside Australia has included various international consultancies as an expert in relation to justice reform.

Professor Sourdin is the author of a number of books, articles and papers, and has published and presented widely on a range of topics including ADR, justice innovation, justice issues, mediation, conflict resolution, collaborative law, artificial intelligence, technology and organisational change. She has retained a practice focus and has worked for more than 30 years as a lawyer, 25 years in various senior part time tribunal positions and as a mediator and has since 2014 been the NBN industry dispute resolution advisor. She is currently working on a new book – ‘The Artificial Judge’ to be completed in 2019.