

Family Law

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Session 7 – 8.30am – 9.30am

Applying specialist accreditation in Alternate Dispute Resolution

The escalating costs of litigation compel an increasing number of litigants to seek Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). This can take the form of arbitration, mediation and collaborative interaction between solicitors. To attract litigants to any of these alternate dispute resolutions, confidence in the lawyers conducting the ADR is enhanced by the knowledge that not only are their legal representative and other lawyers participating practitioners who are knowledgeable in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia process but, importantly, can assist their clients in attaining a speedy and cost-effective resolution with minimal emotional and financial costs. Specialist accreditation is a vital step towards gaining the confidence of litigants to embrace ADR.

Meet the speaker

Peter Batey, Barrister, Waratah Chambers

Peter Batey was called to the Bar in 1981 and has practised predominantly in the area of family law, throughout NSW, interstate and overseas. Peter's experience is vast in all areas of Family Law from parenting to complex financial matters, and he has taken many Readers under his wing during his time at the Bar. Peter's areas of practice include the Federal Circuit and Family Court, Full Court of the Family Court (Appeals) and CTTT Building and Engineering disputes. Peter is a member of the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators and holds AIFLAM accreditation as both a mediator and arbitrator. He is also a member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia and Chairperson and founding member of the Family Court Observation Watch. Peter was recently named by the Doyle's Guide as one of the preeminent Family Law Junior Counsel in Australia.