

PHILIP THEOBALD

PRACTICE PROFILE

- 1975 Admitted to Bar in Queensland
- 1976 Admitted to Bar in New South Wales
- 1977 Commence practice in Brisbane with Chambers at Inns of Court
- 1981 - 1986 Invited to join the Family Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia.
- 1986 Co-authored Family Law Council Report 'Arbitration in Family Law' which led to amendments to the Family Law Act to facilitate private arbitration of financial disputes
- 1987 First mediation training
- 1988 Commenced to practise as a Mediator as well as a Barrister
- 1989 Appointed as Qld Bar member of the Executive of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia
- 1988 Worked with Professors Wade and Boulle from Bond University to develop Australia's only Family Law Arbitration Course.
- 1989 Elected as Chair of the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators
- 1988-1989 Appointed member of the Family Law Council by the Attorney-General
- 1990 Chaired sub-committee of the Family Law Council to prepare a report on Separate Representation of Children in the Family Court
- 1990 -91 Member of a sub-committee of the Family Law Council to report to The Council on Mediation in Family Law. This report was accepted by the Attorney General and led to amendments to the Family Law Act to facilitate the use of mediation to resolve family disputes.
- 1988 – 2005 Assisted as a coach and occasional teacher at Bond University and other Organisations Mediation Courses.
- 1988-2008 Conducted or assisted in conducting Arbitration training courses for Family Lawyers, initially under the auspices of the Dispute Resolution Centre at Bond University and subsequently on behalf of the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators using the course material developed with Bond University.

1990 to date	Member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Law Council of Australia
1996 - 2001	Member of the National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council, appointed by the Attorney-General
2001	Graduated LLM (Dispute Resolution) from Bond University
2001-2006	Appointed as panel mediator for the Workers Compensation Commission of New South Wales.
2001 – 2009	Arbitrator Member of the Workers Compensation Commission of New South Wales.
2004	Admitted to the Bar in Tasmania
2008	Joined Derwent and Tamar Chambers in Hobart
2010 – present	Lecturer in Family Law Practice at Tasmanian Legal Practice Course
2010	Approved for Registration as Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner.
At present	Practice as Barrister Arbitrator and Mediator in Tasmania, Queensland and New South Wales primarily in the areas of Family Law and Professional Negligence.

RECENT PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Family Law Master class, Sydney May 2003

Family Law Practitioners Conference, Freycinet TAS 2004

IAMA Conference, Canberra 2005

National Family Law Conference, Perth 2006

Family Law Practitioners Conference, Bridport TAS 2007.

National Family Law Conference, Adelaide 2008

Australian Legal Convention, Perth 2009