

PHILIP THEOBALD

PRACTICE PROFILE

1975	Admitted to Bar in Queensland
1976	Admitted to Bar in New South Wales
1977	Commenced practice in Brisbane with Chambers at Inns of Court, Brisbane
1981 – 1986	Member by invitation of the Family Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia
1986	Co-authored Family Law Council Report ' <i>Arbitration in Family Law</i> ' 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
1988	Worked with Professors Wade and Boule from Bond University to develop Australia's only Family Law Arbitration Course.
1989	Appointed as Queensland Bar member of the Executive of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia
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 – 1991	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 Mediation Courses
1988 to date	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 & Tamar Chambers in Hobart
2010 – 2015	Lecturer in Family Law Practice at Tasmanian Legal Practice Course
2010	Approved for Registration as Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner
2015	Awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia
2016	Law Society of Tasmania Presidents Award for service to the Legal Profession
At present	Practice as Barrister, Arbitrator and Mediator in Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria primarily in the area of Family Law