



Tim McFarlane

Curriculum Vitae

- Tim has been a solicitor since 1981.
- Tim practiced as a commercial litigator for 23 years and since 1989 has developed extensive expertise in the area of mediation and is highly respected within the legal profession for his commercially focused, proactive, balanced and well-researched conflict resolution approach.
- In 2001, he established McFarlane Legal, Dispute Resolution, which exclusively provides specialist mediation and conflict resolution services. He has since expanded the practice to employ two other mediators, both of whom have long been engaged in this area and bring extensive legal expertise and experience in dispute resolution to the firm.
- Tim was accredited as a Specialist in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation) in the first group approved by the Law Institute of Victoria in 1993.
- He is a member of a number of mediation committees and panels in Victoria and overseas and previously held roles as Chairman of the Mediation Advisory Committee for 12 years, founding Director of the National Mediators Standards Board (now MSB) and a member of the Law Council of Australia ADR Committee.
- Tim has conducted in excess of 13,100 mediations face to face and in excess of 450 online mediations, involving parties both within Australia and overseas, in all areas of conflict and jurisdictions including:
 - Complex contractual disputes.
 - Will disputes.
 - Significant insurance and multi-party claims and recoveries.
 - Aviation and railway claims involving crashes, injuries and derailments.
 - Professional negligence, including solicitors, barristers, dentists, surgeons, engineers, veterinary surgeons, doctors and other hospital health care professionals.
 - Multi-party and complex building disputes.
 - Class actions including the largest group claim in Tasmania.
 - Intellectual property, copyright and technology.
 - Claims against the Crown and enforcement agencies.
 - Personal injuries including extensive experience in sexual abuse matters within a range of church based and government institutions.
 - Defamation.
 - Partnership disputes.
 - Conveyancing and property transactions.

- Finance/mortgage disputes.
 - Transport sector claims.
 - Employment and work place relations claims.
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- Tim has written and presented extensively on the practice of mediation locally, interstate and overseas. He was also sub-editor and a contributor for '*Mediation – A Guide for Victorian Solicitors*' a manual published by the Law Institute of Victoria. Tim conducts private training and coaching in all aspects of mediation for law firms, universities and various organisations locally, nationally and internationally.
 - In 2011, Tim was the first Victorian lawyer listed in the international publication of '*Who's Who Legal Commercial Mediation*' and has maintained that annual listing since.
 - In 2014 Tim was awarded the Law Institute of Victoria Accredited Specialist Achievement Award.
 - Since 2018 Tim has been listed in the annual Doyles publication as Leading Mediator.
 - Member of Singapore International Mediation Institute.
 - Member of Australia Dispute Centre.