



Tim McFarlane

Curriculum Vitae

- Tim has been practicing as 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 solicitor/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, New South Wales, Singapore and Hong Kong, former Chairman of the Mediation Advisory Committee for 12 years and is a member on the list of Mediators for World Intellectual Property Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland, former Director of the national Mediators Standards Board and member of the Law Council of Australia ADR Committee.
- Tim has conducted in excess of 8,000 mediations in all areas and jurisdictions including:
 - Testator's family maintenance.
 - Building disputes
 - Finance/mortgage disputes.
 - Complex contractual disputes.
 - Will disputes.
 - Partnership disputes.
 - Insurance claims.
 - Class actions.
 - Claims against the Crown and enforcement agencies.
 - Intellectual property, copyright and technology.
 - Conveyancing and property transactions.
 - Personal injuries including sexual abuse within a range of institutions
 - Professional negligence, including solicitors, barristers, dentists, surgeons, engineers, doctors and other hospital health care professionals.
 - Defamation.
 - Aviation.
 - Maritime/shipping.
 - Employment and work place relations claims

- Tim has written and presented extensively on mediation, locally, interstate and overseas. He was also sub-editor and a contributor for '*Mediation – A Guide for Victorian Solicitors*' tim, a manual published by the Law Institute of Victoria. He also conducts private training and coaching in mediation training courses for law firms, universities and various organisations locally, nationally and internationally.
- In 2011, Tim was the first Victorian listed in the international publication of '*Who's Who Legal Commercial Mediation*' and has maintained that listing since. In the '*Who's Who Legal Australia 2017*' he was one of only 18 mediators identified in Australia with the entry '*a mediator whom you can depend to get the job done. He has over 30 years of experience and is recognized for his commercial acumen and conflict resolution skills*'.
- In 2014 Tim was awarded the Law Institute of Victoria Accredited Specialist Achievement Award.
- In 2018 Tim was listed in the Doyles publication as Recommended Mediator.