



McFarlane Legal
dispute resolution



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Curriculum Vitae

- Sharan is an experienced mediator with a history of resolving the majority of matters she has mediated. Her mediation practice extends across all categories of commercial disputes, including banking and finance, corporate restructuring, general commercial litigation and other areas including construction disputes, franchising disputes, testator family maintenance matters, total and permanent disability claims and personal injury matters.
- Sharan is also a Sessional Ombudsman at the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA), is on the mediator panel for the Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority (QRIDA), a member of the Law Institute of Victoria (LIV) Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee and is an accredited mediator for the New South Wales Farm Debt mediation panel.
- Prior to embarking on her mediation practice, Sharan practiced as a lawyer for over 20 years, specializing in commercial litigation, dispute resolution, insolvency and banking and finance. During her career she held senior positions at major law firms and financial institutions including Gadens Lawyers, HWL Ebsworth, Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), and Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ).
- **Qualifications**
 - Accredited Mediator under the Australian National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS)
 - Corporate and personal insolvency course conducted by the Insolvency Practitioners Association of Australia
 - Bachelor of Laws, Melbourne University, Melbourne (1985-1989)
- **Languages**
 - Bahasa Indonesia: fluent written and spoken.
 - Punjabi: fluent spoken only.
- **Employment**
 - **June 2021 - Present:**
Mediator, McFarlane Legal Dispute Resolution and Sessional Ombudsman at AFCA
 - **February 2010 - June 2021:**
Senior Lawyer, ANZ Banking Group Melbourne
 - **October 2009 - February 2010:**
Senior Associate, HWL Ebsworth
 - **February 2005 - October 2009:**
Senior Associate, Gadens Lawyers
 - **December 1989 - December 1999:**
In-house Counsel, State Bank of Victoria, and Commonwealth Bank of Australia

➤ **Key Accomplishments**

- Authored ANZ's Commitment and Principles for managing small business farming customers in financial difficulty.
- Member of the working group led by Barnaby Joyce, the then Minister for Agriculture, in relation to the proposed National Farm Debt Mediation Act.
- As a solicitor handled over 400 mediations across all jurisdictions, focusing on sustainable and amicable resolutions.
- Participated in rounds 2 and 4 of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry.
- Extensive experience in commercial litigation and administrative law proceedings, with a focus on litigation and advice for banks and financial institutions.
- Appeared in the Supreme Court of Victoria and the Federal Court of Australia, with appellate experience in both the Court of Appeal and the Full Federal Court of Australia.
- Expertise in alternate dispute resolution methods, including mediations, compulsory conferences, and negotiations.