

Anne-Marie Rice

ARBITRATOR

Leading Family Lawyer – Queensland: 2012 – 2018 (Doyle's Guide)

BACKGROUND AND QUALIFICATIONS

I was admitted as a solicitor in January 2000 having spent the previous two years working as the Legal Associate to a highly regarded Appeals Division Judge of the Family Court in Brisbane.

I have been in private practice since 2000, have been an accredited Family Law specialist since 2005 and have been recognised by my peers as a leading family lawyer in Queensland and Australia. Those experiences have provided me with unique foundations for a practice which has covered all aspects of the law relating to the breakdown of interpersonal relationships.

I am a Registered Arbitrator and Nationally Accredited Mediator. Since 2018 I have been a member of the Legal Aid Queensland Arbitrators Panel.

In addition to my technical legal skills I possess excellent communication skills and a capacity to quickly, and meaningfully, engage with clients and engender their trust in my ability to guide them through the challenging Family Law dispute resolution process. These are essential skills for an effective arbitrator.

I hold degrees in Arts (English/Communications) and Law (with Honours) from the University of Queensland and have rigorously maintained and expanded my legal, technical and associated skills since graduating in 1997. I have been regularly invited to present papers on a variety of family law and dispute resolution topics at local, national and international conferences, and have twice been invited to present papers at the highly regarded Family Law Section National Family Law Conference.

I have also written for professional and academic publications and have undertaken major rewrites of chapters of the CCH loose leaf service and the Master Family Law Guide. I am currently the subject co-ordinator and lecturer of the Family Law Course at the University of Queensland and have been nominated for the University's Excellence in Teaching awards.

As a former director of the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators and active member of the peak Australian legal bodies, I am committed to the resolution of disputes without recourse to court and with as little financial and emotional toll as possible.

My particular qualifications include:

- Bachelor of Arts (English/Communications), University of Queensland - 1995
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Queensland - 1997

- Admitted as Solicitor of Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court of Australia – 2000
- Queensland Law Society Accredited Specialist (Family Law) – 2005
- Independent Children’s Lawyers Panelist – 2005
- Nationally Accredited Mediator – 2014
- Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner – 2015
- Registered Family Law Arbitrator – 2016
- Queensland Law Society Family Law Specialist Accreditation Committee
- Former Qld Solicitor Representative – Law Council of Australia, Family Law Section
- Former Vice President – Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland
- Current Member:
 - AIFLAM (Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators)
 - Resolution Institute (Australia’s leading mediation body)
 - Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia
 - Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland
 - Queensland Law Society