

ANNE-MARIE RICE – Mediator and Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner

Leading Family Law Mediator – Queensland: 2017 and 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 participated in and convened hundreds of mediations. Those experiences have provided me with unique foundations for a practice which has now spanned over 17 years and covered all aspects of the law relating to the breakdown of interpersonal relationships.

I am a nationally accredited mediator and Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner. 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 process. These are essential skills for an effective mediator.

I hold degrees in Arts and Law 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 related topics at local, national and international conferences, including the National Mediation Conference, and have twice been invited to present papers at the highly regarded Family Law Section National Family Law Conference. I have routinely been nominated by my peers as a leading family law practitioner in Queensland and have held executive positions on Queensland and Australia's leading family law committees.

I have also written for professional and academic publications about technical and mediation topics as well as having 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 mediation 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 Association of Collaborative Practitioners (QACP)

COSTING OVERVIEW

MEDIATION RATES	
Full Day Mediation/ Family Dispute Resolution (9.00AM – 5.00PM)	\$3,250.00 (plus GST)
Half-Day Mediation (4 hours)	\$2,250.00 (plus GST)
Additional hourly rate for mediations concluding after 5.00pm (or beyond 4 hours for a half-day mediation)	\$400.00 per hour (plus GST)
Issuing a Section 60I Certificate (if FDR did not occur – otherwise included in FDR Fee)	\$400.00 (incl. GST)
Discretionary fee for consideration of extensive material (over 1 hour of Reading Time)	\$400.00 per hour (plus GST)
Travel (more than 2 hours drive/flight from Brisbane)	As agreed with the parties

Please note that the Mediation fee does not include the following:

- a. the cost of the hire of any mediation venue;
- b. telephone charges (at cost) in the event a telephone link-up is required;
- c. parking fees, tolls and taxi expenses (at cost);
- d. research time which will be agreed in advance and payable at the rate of \$400 per hour plus GST; or
- e. flight and accommodation expenses (at cost).

Payment into Trust

Payment is required into the client's solicitors trust account or to be paid directly to the Rice Mediations bank not less than 5 working days prior to the commencement of the mediation. I reserve the right to cancel the mediation in the event the funds are not received.

Cancellation Policy

If the mediation is cancelled by the parties (or either of them) or postponed within 5 working days of the date scheduled for the mediation, an amount equivalent to 25% of the mediation fee may be payable.