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# Relevant Professional Qualification & Experience

1985 LLB University of Sydney

1986 Admitted to Supreme Court of NSW & High Court rolls

1986 Commenced private legal practice

1992 Completed Bond University Mediation training program

1993 Completed Bond University Family Arbitration Program

1993 Commenced as Chairperson Legal Aid NSW   
 Mediation/Conferencing program

1994 Established Barnardo’s Pro Bono Legal Service (with others)

1995 Established Penrith DV Support Roster (with others)

2001 Commenced on National Independent Children’s Lawyers   
 training panel as practitioner and national trainer

2003 NMAS (National Mediation Standards Board) accreditation

2004 Commenced as Lecturer University of Western Sydney in   
 Family Law and ADR/Mediation programs

2004 Engaged in National training program (on behalf of Law   
 Council and Family Court) regarding rollout of the   
 Children’s Cases Program

2005 Recipient NSW Premier’s “*Stop Domestic Violence*”   
 award

2006 Accredited as Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner

2006 Commenced private mediation/FDRP practice “*Penrith   
 Family Mediation Centre”*

2006 Commenced employment as FDRP Unifam

2006 Commenced as FDR trainer/Supervisor Centacare Central   
 West

2007 Commenced as FDRP Relationships Australia working at   
 Bathurst and Blacktown FRCs

2010 Finalist in National Children’s Lawyer Award

2010 Appointed to Federal Circuit Court of Australia (then FMC)

2011 Established Family Advisor partnership between FCCoA and FRC Parramatta and assisted in establishing FCCoA and Legal Aid NSW Court Ordered Mediation Pilot

2011 Appointed to FCC Indigenous Committee

2012 Co-founder the Aboriginal Family Pathways Network

2013 Finalist in Human Rights Commission Law Award

2015 Finalist Law & Justice Foundation Justice Medal

2016 Recipient of Resolution Institute award for excellence in Family Dispute Resolution

2016 Co-ordinator and Facilitator of NSW Young Lawyers Professional Skills Series (12 x 90 minute sessions per year from 2016-2019)

2016 Appointed FCC Non-English Speaking Access Committee

2017 Completed review of the Court’s facilities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing litigants (in consultation with Macquarie University, Legal Aid NSW and Deaf Society)

2017 Consultant National Judicial Bench Book on Family Violence

2018 Commenced as Senior Lecturer/Distinguished Fellow, Sydney University (ongoing)

2018 PhD Candidate Bond University

2019 Appointed to FCC Judicial Wellbeing Committee

2020 Appointed to Lighthouse Project pilot

2020 Inaugural Federal Circuit Court National Arbitration List Judge

2021 Resigned FCCoA (due to ill-health)

2022 Certificate in Online Dispute Resolution

## ***Peer review published papers:***

# 2013 *The Power of Confession: Mandatory Reporting, Confession and the Evidence Act* Alternate Law Journal (cited by Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Abuse)

# 2014 *Confidentiality in family dispute resolution and family counselling: Recent cases and why they matter* Journal of Family Studies

2015 *Navigating the notice of risk to alert the Court of allegations of family violence* Australian Family Lawyer

2016 *Should mediation be the first step in all Family Law Act proceedings* Australasian Journal of Dispute Resolution

2016 *Evidential Considerations in cases involving family violence* Family Law Review

2017 The prevalence of allegations of family violence *in proceedings before the Federal Circuit Court of Australia* Family Law Review (cited in 2019 ALRC review))

2017 *An imperfect protection: Attitudes of Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners to Confidentiality* Bond Law Review (cited by ALRC in review family law)

2017 *Mediation Conﬁdentiality: Origins, Application and Exceptions and Practical Implications* Australasian Journal of Dispute Resolution (cited by ALRC in review family law)

2018 *If You Want a Picture of the Future, Imagine Mandated Pre-action procedures, Registrar Case Management and Information Sharing* Family Law Review (cited by ALRC in review family law)

2018 Forward to “*Mediating with Families*” 4th Edition Mieke Brandon & Linda Fisher

2019 *The centrality of the ‘Family Dispute Resolution’ process to the separating family, the community and the administration of justice* Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy

2019 *Parental Alienation: Towards the Blossoming of a Field of Study* Co-author with Jennifer Harman & Bill Burnet, Current Directions in Psychological Science

2019 *The Intersection of Family Violence and Family Dispute Resolution* Australian Journal of Family Law (cited in 2019 ALRC review)

2019 *Forward Operating Base Parramatta: What really troubles judges on the Front-Line* Book Chapter (Ch 30) in collection “*Wellness for Law*” edited by Marychurch and Sifris

2019 *Family Arbitration” What is it and How to Use it* Law Society Journal NSW (and of each State and Territory’s Journal)

2020 *The protection of confidentiality in Australian family law* Family Court Review Special Edition

2020 *ADR and the ALRC* *Report* Australian Arbitrator and Mediator

2020 *An Evidence Based Triage System for the Better Address of Family Violence*

2020 *Covid-19 in Australia Impacts On Separated Families, Family Law Professionals, And Family Courts (*withBruce Smyth, Lawrence Moloney, Jacqueline Brady and Marian Esler) previously an ANU Discussion Paper and pending publication in Family Court Review October 2020 – Awarded AFCC Meyer Elkin award for best article in 2020 Family Law Review

2021 Chapter in International edited collection (co-authored with Judy Cashmore and Felicity Bell) *Children’s participation in family law in Australia*

2022 Chapter in International edited collection (co-authored with Felicity Bell and Natalie Blecher) “*Comparative Parenthood*”

2023 *Family Arbitration in Australia: A difficult birth* Bond Law Review