

## **MEDIATOR PROFILE**

### **James White**

James White has been a lawyer for 25 years having completed the Solicitor's Board Examinations in 1978. He is a specialist mediator, conciliator, facilitator and negotiator. He worked in the Department of Children's Services, Magistrates Courts Offices and the Public Defender's Office in 1970's before his admission as a solicitor in 1981. He has practised as a solicitor in Toowong since 1983 and has conducted his legal practice, James White Lawyers since 1997. He has primarily practised in the Family Law area, however he also practises in the areas of Criminal Law, Civil Litigation, Conveyancing, Wills and Estate Administration.

He is accredited mediator the Qld Law Society, all Queensland Courts and the Family Court of Australia. He is also a panel mediator for the Retail Shop Lease Tribunal, Dispute Resolution Centre (Qld Justice Department), Legal Aid Queensland and the Residential Tenancies Authority.

#### **Qualifications:**

Solicitor's Board of Queensland - 1978

Master's Course Work, University of Queensland – Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution -2006/7

Clerk of the Court and Mining Registrar Examinations - 1975.

Bond University Mediation Training: 1991

CJP Mediation Training: 1992

Legal Aid Queensland Mediation Training: 1992 -2007

Australian Institute of Family Mediators and Arbitrators, Arbitration Training: 1994

Residential Tenancies Authority Conciliation Accreditation Program: 1999.

#### **Accreditations:**

Admitted Solicitor of Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court – 1981

LAMS -Queensland Law Society – Mediation and Arbitration

Supreme Court of Queensland

Dispute Resolution Centre

Legal Aid Queensland – Family Law, Criminal Law and Civil Law

Workplace Relations Act (Work Choice)

Residential Tenancies Act

Retail Shop Lease Act

Energy Industry Mediator

Aged Care Mediator

#### **ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Experience:**

James has been mediating since 1991 (16 years experience). He has mediated over 1000 disputes throughout Queensland ranging from family law matters, workplace disputes, commercial and financial disputes and multi-party disputes for the Queensland Police Service and Queensland Sugar Board in addition to remote indigenous communities in the North Queensland including native title issues. He has also facilitated community consultative committees in respect to waste management, the real estate industry, tropical health and Queensland Health. He was also a mediator in the first program involving victim-offender mediations in Queensland.

#### **Positions and Appointments:**

1975 - present:

Justice of the Peace (32 years)

1977 – 1978:

Clerk of the Court and Mining Registrar, Roma

1992 – present:

President and Vice-President Jordan House (assisted accommodation for released drug addicted prisoners)

1994 -1997:

Committee Member of Anglican Archbishop's Committee on Sexual Abuse against Clergy

2000 – 2002:

Drug Arm HART Program Committee member