



Max Kimber Barrister and Mediator

Profile

Max commenced as a practising barrister in 1979 after completing postgraduate studies in the USA on a Fulbright Scholarship. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 1999.

The focus of his work as a barrister has been on the resolution of workplace issues and employment contract disputes via litigation in Federal and State courts; by conciliation or arbitration in Federal and State Industrial tribunals and via private negotiation and mediation.

Following the training as a Mediator in 1992, Max has also developed a broad based practice in dispute resolution involving the mediation of contractual and other commercial disputes, will and estates, employment and personal injury matters – as well as the more informal ‘facilitation’ of an increasing array of disagreements and disputes between Board members, business/law firm partners, senior corporate executives and other independent professionals.

Max has recently undertaken a number of complicated and highly sensitive workplace investigations for major publicly listed companies and for industrial organisations and facilitated several significant disputes in both the public and private hospital system in New South Wales.

He has written and provided extensive training on effective communication, ADR and conflict resolution. He is a regular presenter at law firms and at mediation forums and he mentors new mediators.

Max sees himself as a “resolutionary” – committed to prevention and early intervention strategies to minimise and deescalate conflict with a focus on fostering better communication and listening skills and on the utilisation of restorative processes.

Qualifications

- B Comm/LLB, University of New South Wales, 1977
- Master of Laws, University of Virginia USA 1978
- LEADR Mediation Training 1992
- LEADR Advanced Mediation Training 1994
- Nationally Accredited (Experienced) Mediator 2010
- Cinergy Conflict Management Coaching Workshop, 2017
- Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors 2018

Positions held

1999	Senior Counsel
2017-2020	Member, ADR Committee, NSW Bar Association
2017-2020	Member, The Supreme Court: Australian Dispute Resolution Steering Committee