

Paul Cutler

Lawyer – dispute resolution

Key Skills

Barrister
Migration Lawyer
Mediator (NMAS) & Facilitator
Accredited Arbitrator

Education

UNSW

Master of Dispute Resolution
(2018)

University of Sydney

Master of Laws (2004)

University of Southern QLD

Graduate Certificate in
Insolvency Practice (2002)

LPAB

Diploma of Law (1995)

Macquarie University

Master of Science (Hons)(1988)

University of Queensland

Bachelor of Science (Hons)
(1983)

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Professional Summary

I have been a sole practitioner specialising in litigation and advocacy for the past 15 years. I endeavour to bring a collaborative and flexible approach to resolving my clients' legal problems through litigation, mediation or negotiation. I am organised, independent and self-reliant. I have good written and spoken communication skills. I enjoy challenges and like to manage projects.

Experience

October 2006 to present

Barrister • Queen's Square Chambers

Although, I describe myself as a commercial equity lawyer, mediation is an increasingly large part of my practice. I am an accredited mediator and mediation (both as representative and as mediator) is becoming a larger part of my practice.

I have a very broad and diverse commercial practice with experience which includes:

- Equity & trusts;
- General commercial/business law matters (including debts, contracts, misleading and deceptive conduct, shareholder and director disputes, corporate governance, insurance and costs);
- Property (including mortgages, easements and caveats);
- Administrative and migration law (including judicial review of decisions);
- Family Law (property); and
- Crime

My practice, has at various times taken me to most of the State and Commonwealth courts and tribunals. Both the Supreme Court of NSW, the Federal Court and the (former) Federal Circuit Court are particularly familiar jurisdictions to me

March 2001 to March 2021

Migration Agent • Paul Cutler – Migration Agent

In parallel with my litigation practice I also conducted a migration advice business for 20 years. I assisted many people by advising on and

Statutory Appointment

Costs Assessor (NSW)

Professional Memberships

Bar Association of NSW

Resolution Institute

Migration Institute of Australia

Australian Facilitator's Network

lodging visa applications for them. I also conducted merits review matters. When the migration profession was de-regulated in March 2021, this business merged into my barrister practice.

July 2005 to September 2006
Solicitor Director • PH Legal

This was predominately a debt collection business (and had an associated mercantile agency). My role was the supervision of a number of junior solicitors and paralegals in a volume based business.

February 2001 to July 2005
Senior Associate • Michell Sillar Attorneys (now HWL Ebsworths)

This was also a commercial litigation role with an emphasis on insolvency matters (mostly on behalf of liquidators and bankruptcy trustees). Although I had day to day care and conduct of matters I reported to two litigation partners.

January 1996 to January 2001
Solicitor • The Argyle Partnership

I started in the firm to complete my practical legal training and then worked in the litigation team.

1986 to 1996
Industrial Chemist

Held a number of positions at CSIRO, Interlox Chemicals, Analytical Technologies Australia and The Smith's Snackfood Company.

Leadership

I was a director (treasurer) of Edmund Barton Chambers (Level 44) Cooperative Limited (EBC) from 2015 until November 2023. EBC had 50 members and an annual turnover of around \$2M.

I am also a director on the project team at Chatswood Tennis Club Limited. The club always has current projects including court re-surfacing, installation of LED lights and others.

Other interests

I enjoy tennis, swimming and gardening.

References

Available upon request