

JULIE SOMERVILLE - CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Nationally Accredited Mediator and experienced legal practitioner. Over 25 years' experience in litigation and dispute resolution with a primary focus on civil and disciplinary claims arising out of professional negligence, health and allied health care, medical negligence, institutional abuse, workplace injuries and public liability, including:

- Mediating a wide range of litigated and un-litigated disputes involving allegations of historical child sexual abuse, child protection, medical negligence, Compensation to Relatives claims, workplace injuries and common law negligence. A primary focus is the resolution of such claims adopting a trauma informed approach and in accordance with Guiding Principles of the relevant organisation;
- Disciplinary complaints, investigations and prosecutions undertaken by AHPRA, NSW Health and the Health Care Complaints Commissions, including but not limited to, assisting practitioners respond to complaints, appearing as a support person for allied health practitioners before relevant Tribunals and appearing as legal representative for allied health practitioners in proceedings commenced in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal;

In addition to a facilitative mediation, Julie provides a range of additional services that are bespoke to the nature of the dispute, including:

- **Facilitated negotiations** (facilitated discussions between the parties to attempt to resolve differences prior to a matter developing into an adversarial dispute);
- **Moderated evidence gathering** (the parties agree a confidential process of collaborative evidence gathering with a view to exploring early resolution); and
- **Expert conclave facilitation** (facilitating discussions between experts to produce a report that assists the parties and the Court).

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

- July 2019 to date: **Principal Mediator**
R3 Resolutions Pty Limited
Sydney, Australia
- July 2014 to June 2019: **Principal**, Meridian Lawyers
Sydney, Australia
- October 2012 - June 2014: **Special Counsel**, Meridian Lawyers
Sydney, Australia
- September 2007 - September 2012 **Senior Associate**, Yeldham Price O'Brien Lusk
Sydney, Australia
- July 1998 - August 2006 **Senior Associate**, DLA Phillips Fox
Sydney, Australia
- July 1994 - June 1998 **Solicitor**, Phillips Fox
Sydney, Australia

EDUCATION:

- 2019: **Nationally Accredited Mediator Training Program and Assessment**
College of Law, St Leonards, Australia
- 2018: **Breakthrough Negotiations**
Macquarie University Graduate School of Management
- 2012: **Legal Practice Management Course**
College of Law, NSW
- 2010: Admitted as a solicitor of **the High Court of Australia**
- 1994: Admitted as Solicitor of the **Supreme Court of New South Wales**
- 1994: **Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice**
College of Law, NSW
- 1989 - 1993: **Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)**
University of NSW

AWARDS:

- 2020: Recognised in *Doyles Guide* as a leading Mediator - NSW

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- 2019 and 2020: Recognised in *Best Lawyers in Australia* as a leading lawyer in Health & Aged Care Law and in Medical Negligence
- 2020: Recognised in *Best Lawyers in Australia* as a leading lawyer in Insurance Law and Professional Malpractice
- 2015 to 2019 incl: Recognised in *Doyles Guide* as a leading or recommended Medical Negligence Lawyer (Defendant) - Sydney

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

- 2020 – present: **Safeguarding Advisory Committee Member, Institute of Sisters of Mercy Australia and Papua New Guinea**

Advising and assisting ISMAPNG in relation to child safety policies and procedures and claims handling of historical child abuse complaints.

- 2009 - present: **Safe Ministry Representative, Seaforth Anglican Church**

Advising and assisting Seaforth Anglican Church in relation to its Safe Ministry Obligations and compliance with Working with Children Checks

- 2010 - 2012: **Committee Member, Gidget Foundation**

Provided assistance to the Gidget Foundation in early restructuring and obtaining registered charity status. Gidget Foundation is a registered charity that raises awareness for Perinatal Anxiety and Depression

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