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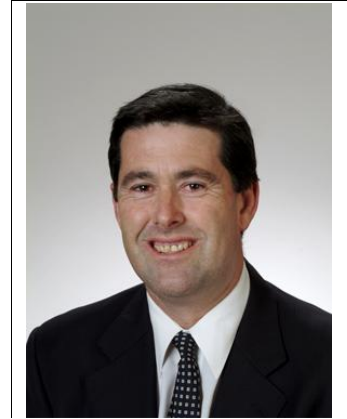
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Chris has over 25 years specialised knowledge and experience as a legal practitioner in litigation, arbitration and mediation – all aspects of dispute resolution.

His particular areas of practice are commercial disputes, mining, resources and energy law, building and construction law, administrative law, insurance law, environmental law, native title and aviation law.

He regularly appears as counsel in all jurisdictions including various statutory tribunals.

He is an accredited practising mediator and acts as a mediator at the request of legal practitioners, government departments and other organisations in complex commercial, private and public disputes.

Chris also regularly acts as a private arbitrator at the request of parties.

Before joining the Bar, Chris was a partner of national firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques. He was at Mallesons for 21 years and is a former head of the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group in Perth.

Chris is an accredited member of LEADR's Panel of Advanced Mediators and has been involved in training mediators for approval by LEADR, IAMA and the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

### **Experience**

- 1977 – Bachelor of Jurisprudence, University of Western Australia
- 1978 – Bachelor of Laws, University of Western Australia
- 1979 – 1981: Solicitor, Frank Unmack & Cullen, Fremantle
- 1981 – 1982: Master of Laws, University of London
- 1982 – 1985: Solicitor, Stone James, Perth
- 1987 – 2003: Partner, Mallesons, Stephen Jaques
- 1999 – Honorary Visiting Fellow, University of Western Australia (Law School: Forensic Advocacy, and Negotiation and Mediation)
- 2003 – Barrister-at-Law, Francis Burt Chambers
- 2004 – 2006: Presiding Member – WA Gas Review Board.
- 2003 – Deputy Legal Member, Real Estate and Business Agents Supervisory Board
- 2004 – Deputy Chairperson, Building Disputes Tribunal

### **Professional memberships held**

- Western Australian Bar Association Inc - Executive Council member (2005 – 2007) and Treasurer (2006 - 2007)
- LEADR Inc (dispute resolution) - (Vice-chair 2003 + former national Board member 7 years, currently on State Executive Committee)
- Law Society of Western Australia
- Australian Mining and Petroleum Law Association - (State Executive Committee)
- WA Mining Industry and Liaison Committee (MILC) - AMPLA representative
- Accredited mediator - Supreme Court of WA
- RAAF Specialist Reserve (Legal) - SQNLDR
- Member of various Law Society of Western Australia committees (Deputy Convenor Courts Committee)
- National Environmental Law Association
- Hang Gliding Federation of Australia ( member – fly hang gliders and paragliders)
- International Bar Association
- Goldfields Mediation Council (native title) - nominated member
- Citizens Advice Bureau - mediator (voluntary)
- Executive committee member, SCRAM (schools mediation competition)
- Notary Public
- Regular speaker (eg National Mediation Conference Darwin 2004, Australian Insurance Law Association Conference – Perth 2004 and Contracts Law seminar – Perth 2006)