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IAMA NSW FORUM EVENINGS

Date: **Wednesday 4 March 2009**

Time: **5:30 for 5:45 pm.**

Venue: **I A M A DRC**
Level 9, 52 Phillip St
SYDNEY

Cost: $48 (GST inclusive) for Members
$55 (GST inclusive) for Non-members

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by Monday 2 March 2009
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ACDC AUSTRALIAN COMMERCIAL DISPUTES CENTRE

Previously under the *Family Law Act 1975,* a family law mediator had the same protection and immunity as a Judge of the Family court in performing the functions of such a Judge. However under a new Amendment, this conferral has been removed and dispute resolution practitioners no longer have immunity under the Act.

At the National Mediation Conference in Perth in September 2008, Emma Matthews provided an update on these recent developments and this evening she joins IAMA NSW to explore the effect of this amendment, as well as look at other jurisdictions which have maintained statutory immunity for mediators.

Emma will highlight the three sources of mediator immunity: common law immunity, statutory immunity and contractual immunity and will also lead a discussion on how mediator immunity might operate in the future.

Emma Matthews is the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Commercial Disputes Centre.

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