
Curriculum Vitae

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Introduction

Jonathan Mott was brought up in regional Victoria and NSW and has a media and farming background.

He has had a wide ranging legal practice in the suburbs and then the city of Melbourne.

He worked with the Victorian Government Law Department and then as a partner in suburban and city law firms, until he retired as a partner with Deacons in 2003 and joined McFarlane Legal as a specialist mediator. He has practised in commercial litigation, business law, property, town planning and advice in a range of areas.

Admission

- Supreme Court of Victoria, 1967 (Barrister & Solicitor)
- High Court of Australia, 1967 (Barrister & Solicitor)

Professional Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (University of Melbourne), 1966
- Diploma Town and Regional Planning (University of Melbourne), 1977
- Registered Mediator Australian Commercial Disputes Centre, 1987

Professional Background and Former Appointments

- Honorary probation officer and free legal advice volunteer
- President, Law Institute of Victoria, 1988/1989
- Managing partner Gadens
- Member Solicitors' Liability Committee
- Member Law Council of Australia
- Member, Victoria Law Foundation
- Chair, Law Institute Committee on Specialist Accreditation for Alternate Dispute Resolution
- Accredited specialist in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation) L.I.V.
- Chair, Victoria Legal Aid
- Chair, Housing Guarantee Fund Limited

Primary Areas of Legal Practice and Expertise

Commercial Disputes

- Major commercial litigation for public and private corporations

Corporate

- Chairperson and director of public and private corporations in banking financial and media
- Retained as independent chairperson of Public and Corporate meetings

Development and Environment

- Environmental advice and instructions on major developments
- Seminars to industry and local government
- Town planning advice and instructions on major developments
- Advocate in planning appeals

Mediation and Arbitration Experience

Jonathan has practised as a mediator since 1991, initially as part of his legal practice, and since 2003 as a specialist mediator with McFarlane Legal. Since 2003 he has also conducted arbitrations and inquiries.

- Arbitrator in commercial disputes
- Nominated by Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman as arbitrator in telecommunications disputes
- Mediator in over 3,000 major disputes in the following areas:
 - Major construction
 - Commercial
 - Insurance
 - Property
 - Planning
 - Personal injuries
 - Partnership
 - Employment
 - Professional negligence
 - Telecommunications

- Wills and Probate
- Rural
- Insolvency

Investigations and Private Inquiries

Jonathan has been engaged to conduct investigations and private inquiries within companies and organisations. He has worked with both in-house counsel and external solicitors to establish an appropriate process to deal with each matter, having regard to legal costs, timing and the importance of confidentiality.

Memberships and associations

- Fellow, Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Member of Supreme Court, County Court, Land and Environment Court and other mediation panels

Meeting Experience

For the past 20 years Jonathan has chaired numerous meetings of listed and public companies and trusts on retainer from trustee companies, funds managers, leading law firms and the companies themselves.

In each case he acted as independent chair due to the contentious nature of the resolutions required to be passed, or because the Corporations laws required an independent chair. On all occasions where necessary ASIC has approved his appointment.

Publications

Presented at numerous seminars and conferences on the following:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Environmental Law
- Business Law in China
- Leases
- Mediation
- Multidisciplinary professional partnerships
- Secret Commissions
- Town Planning