



Jonathan Simpkins SC

Profile

Jonathan is the principal of Evolve Resolutions, a specialist mediation practice established in 2015. prior to this Jonathan practised at the bar for more than 30 years, specialising in Commercial/Equity disputes [especially Banking, Insurance and Professional Negligence claims] and also specialising in Construction disputes. He took silk in 2000. He has been included in Doyles Guide in the list of “Leading Construction Barristers” and has also been ranked as a Band 1 silk in Chamber & Partners in “Construction & Infrastructure: The Bar - Australia (the Bar)”. Evolve Resolutions additionally and separately provides Strategic Dispute Management Advice both for commercial and construction disputes. Whilst at the bar Jonathan commenced mediating, after undertaking training with LEADR, and did this for a number of years prior to retiring from the bar in 2015. Evolve Resolutions provides a vehicle for the continuation of this practice.

Experience

SOLICITOR 1978-1983

Jonathan worked for a number of years with Allen, Allen & Hemsley (now Allens) in commercial litigation. Prior to that he worked as a legal officer for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and also as a solicitor in a general practice.

COUNSEL 1983-2015

Jonathan practised for most of his time at the bar at either 7 Selborne Chambers, 7 Wentworth Chambers or New Chambers. His practice was diverse and included Administrative Law, Appeals, Banking, Building and Construction, Commercial Law, Equity, Insurance, Professional Negligence, Property and Trade Practices.

Education

University of New South Wales - B.A./LL.B

University of Sydney - LL.M

Skills

Jonathan’s experience at the bar enables him to assist the parties to appreciate the risks inherent in continuation of the dispute and the potential benefits of a consensual resolution of it. An essential part of the process is for the parties to consider the way the dispute may look from alternative perspectives and often this outcome can be promoted by active listening and open dialogue in joint sessions. Jonathan is an innovative and involved mediator who will work with the parties to help them move towards a resolution by encouraging and facilitating such dialogue, by assisting the parties to obtain a better understanding of the other party’s position and by supporting the parties in the formulation of their own proposals for resolution.