

CHRIS NEWTON

Year of call - 1974

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Common Law/Personal Injury
Estate litigation

EDUCATION

- LLB University of Queensland (1973)
- Bond University Mediation Course (1990)

CAREER HISTORY

Chris has been in practice at the private Queensland Bar since January 1976 with a wide and varied practice, but a concentration on personal injuries litigation, estate litigation and alternative dispute resolution including mediation. He is a qualified mediator and case appraiser of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Chris has undertaken a particular interest in mediation and alternative dispute resolution in which the Queensland Bar took a leading role in encouraging ADR. Chris was the Chairman of the Settlement Week Committee in the early years when legal personnel were being encouraged to use the process, and served as a mediator for the Queensland Building Tribunal. Chris remains an accredited mediator and case appraiser.

Chris continues to have a general practice with a concentration in common law areas but also has an expertise in wills and estates and mediation.

Chris has been actively involved with the Australian Lawyers Alliance (ALA) and in particular, the State Committee, and together with other ALA members, was actively involved in lobbying the Government to improve the ISV ranges in the discussion phase of the *Civil Liability Act* legislation and regulation. He maintains an active interest in the affairs of ALA and in protecting the rights of injured plaintiffs against the tide of tort reform and was involved in drafting the ALA submissions to the Government on the CLA review.

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Chris's passion is rugby union where he remains a referee coach, assisting in the development of referees and referee coaches. He holds a Level 2 referee coach accreditation. Chris is married with 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

RECENT CASES

[*Walker v Greenmountain Food Processing Pty Ltd*](#) [2020] QSC 329

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