



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

NSW BAR ASSOCIATION'S FAMILY LAW MEDIATORS & FDRP's LIST

(Formerly the Family Law Settlement Services Panel – Barristers)

The New South Wales Bar Association (**the Association**) was in the process of reviewing all alternative dispute resolution lists maintained by the Association this year before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, to ensure their integrity and best placement to promote ongoing opportunities for our practitioners. While the lists and their criteria remain subject to ongoing review by relevant Committees, the Association appreciates that the pandemic and its impacts are unprecedented. In response, to support members' practices at this time, the Association has temporarily opened and is inviting Expressions of Interest for its *Family Law Mediators and FDRP's List* (formerly the Family Law Settlement Services Panel - Barristers). If you are already a member of this list, there is no need to re-apply.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must:

1. Hold accreditation as either:
 - a. a mediator with the Association under the National Mediation Accreditation System; and/or
 - b. a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth); and
2. Hold a current practising certificate with the Association; and
3. Have demonstrated substantial involvement in the area of family law in the three years prior to this application; and
4. Have demonstrated that the time devoted to this area of practice, in each year of the past three years, is not less than 25% of normal full-time practice.

If an applicant is unable to meet the above criteria (for example, through illness or parental leave), they may still be eligible for inclusion if they can demonstrate relevant family law mediation and litigation experience.

The names, chambers and contact details of successful applicants will be included on the *Family Law Mediators and FDRP's List*, which will be displayed on the Association's website and regularly provided to the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia (**the Courts**). If at any time a barrister ceases to hold a Practising Certificate, relevant insurance or accreditation, their eligibility for inclusion on the *Family Law Mediators and FDRP's List* will automatically cease and their name will be removed from the list.

APPLICATION

To apply, please complete this Expression of Interest and email the soft copy, together with proof of your relevant accreditation and evidence, to BarADR@nswbar.asn.au *before close of business Friday 7 August 2020*. As the Association's offices are currently closed due to COVID-19, hard copy applications will not be accepted at this time. If you would like any further information, or to discuss this application, please contact the Association's Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Elizabeth Pearson, via BarADR@nswbar.asn.au.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name: _____

Chambers: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact phone number: _____

If my application is successful, I authorise the Association to publish my name, chambers, email and phone number on the Association's website and provide these details to the Courts, who I understand may also publish these on their websites.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 1

I hold accreditation as (please select all applicable boxes):

- a. a mediator with the Association under the National Mediation Accreditation System;
- b. a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth).

Please provide details of all accreditation held, including the accrediting body, registration number, date of qualification and date of expiry:

I have attached a copy of my accreditation certificate(s) or receipt(s) (if applicable).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA 2

- I hold a current practising certificate with the Association and required insurances.
- I acknowledge that if at any time I cease to hold a current practising certificate, requisite insurances or requisite accreditation under eligibility criteria 1, I will automatically become ineligible to continue on the list and my name will be removed.

DECLARATION

- I undertake to comply with all relevant legislation, including but not limited to the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth).

- I have read the Association's Privacy Policy at <https://nswbar.asn.au/disclaimers/privacy-policy>

I declare that the information and particulars set out in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____