

Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies



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FAMILY LAW FOR MEDIATORS

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Participants will be provided with an overview of Family Law in this workshop as it is specifically designed for Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners but has application for any practitioner working within or beside the Family Law system. No prior legal training or knowledge of law is assumed, but it does assume some basic understanding of governmental and political processes. Participants will be provided with an introduction to legal processes and legal research, and an overview of the Family Law Act 1975.

The content addresses the legal and theoretical bases for the changes to the Family Law Act that have occurred since 1975, including the significant changes introduced in 2006.

Also to be considered is how Australian Family Law can assist and hinder the resolution process within a dispute resolution process offered to separating couples. Also, how the use of legal information impacts on resolution from a conflict resolution theoretical base.

The changes to the Family Law Act in 2006 raised questions about the place of Principle Based Negotiation within the Family Law environment. The workshop will conclude by considering how the principles of 'children's best interest' and 'just and fair settlements' apply to the resolution of Family Law Disputes in the current legislative environment.



JON GRAHAM

PRESENTER

Jon Graham has developed an expertise in the management, resolution and prevention of conflict. Having completed studies in Law, Psychology and Commerce, and also trained in Counselling and Group Work, Jon has the skills to assist those in dispute to find resolution from many different quarters. Since 1996, Jon has been a senior mediation practitioner having completed over six hundred hours of direct mediation and as a supervising mediator, has had responsibility for many thousands of hours of mediation service delivery.

Since 1997, Jon has been a clinical supervisor of some 30 mediators and their mediation practices, providing supervision, coaching and training in both face-to-face and telephone sessions. As well, he also coaches supervisors of mediators, particularly those working in the area of ethical practice, mediation structure and crisis issues in mediation.

Jon has developed his own practice, as a trainer of managers in dispute management. He has trained and overseen the training of hundreds of mediators, managers and people whose roles require them to resolve disputes.

Jon has served on stakeholder committees particularly in the areas of Family Court Reform (1998), Expansion of Primary Dispute Resolution in the Family Law (2000), Workplace Dispute Resolution in the South Eastern Sydney Area Health, and the Department of Community Services Alternate Dispute Resolution working group.

In 2002 Jon served on the evaluation framework working party for the Department of Community Services as it began an evaluation of the ADR program within the department.

LOCATION AND DATE

Melbourne 18-21 August 2008

TIME

From 9 am to 5 pm

ELIGIBILITY

Students are expected to first complete Mediation or Negotiation before enrolling in elective courses.

COST

Professional development participants: \$1800 includes GST. We offer a discount for a minimum group of three.

Postgraduate students: Please go to: www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=947

MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM

The Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (ACPACS) presents a range of innovative courses in Mediation, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney. The workshops are designed to meet the need for initial accreditation for entry-level recruits through to best-practice for experienced practitioners seeking advanced specialisation.

Presented by world class trainers, each ACPACS workshop is self-contained, and includes all the materials and resources required to complete coursework through self-study. By ensuring a flexible format, our workshops provide participants with great learning choices. As well, completion of ACPACS workshops may lead to postgraduate qualifications in a:

- Graduate Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Graduate Diploma in Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Master of Mediation and Conflict Resolution

as well as other degree programs in law, social sciences and political science.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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