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As a family law specialist, Neil has particular expertise in property and child-related disputes. The depth of his practice also extends to expert knowledge in the law relating to de facto relationships.

Neil maintains a strong advisory practice and regularly appears in the Family Court of Australia, Family Circuit Court and in appellate courts for a broad range of clients, including the Independent Children's Lawyer. The breadth of his practice has also seen him appear in Family Law Court Registries outside Sydney, including Townsville, Brisbane, Parramatta, Newcastle, Canberra and interstate, such as Melbourne and Perth.

Having undertaken numerous professional courses in his fields of practice, Neil possesses widespread knowledge and technical expertise. Such knowledge extends to alternative dispute resolution, where he has obtained several qualifications in family law arbitration, dispute resolution and the representation of children. He has been appointed Mediator of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and has participated in hundreds of mediations and conciliation conferences throughout his legal career.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Neil acquired significant private practice experience, including as Associate Partner at Turner Freeman, where he ran the firm's extensive family law practice. For over two decades, Neil has delivered family law-related papers to industry associations, universities and legal conference organisers and has made contributions to LexisNexis' Family Law Services and Halsbury Laws of Australia's *Family Law* Chapter. He holds a Master of Laws from the University of New South Wales and a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Economics from the University of Sydney.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 1997 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales
- 1986 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION APPOINTMENTS

- 2012 - present Arbitrator, Local Court of New South Wales
- 2004 - 2007 Arbitrator, District Court of New South Wales
- 2002 - 2005 Arbitrator, Workers Compensation Commission of New South Wales
- 2004 Mediator, Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2007 Registered Family Dispute Resolution Provider pursuant to section 60I of the *Family Law Act, 1975* (Cth): Commonwealth Attorney General

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PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2009 Certificate in Family Dispute Resolution (Mobile One: Operate in a Family Law Environment): Institute of Family Practice
- 2009 Certificate in Family Dispute Resolution (Mobile Two: Family and Domestic Violence and Vulnerable Parties): Australian Institute of Social Relations
- 1998 Certificate in Family Law Arbitration: Bond University
- 1996 & 2003 Certificate relating to Representation of Children, Law Council of Australia and National Legal Aid
- 1996 Accredited Specialist Personal Injury Law: Law Society of New South Wales
- 1996 Accredited Specialist Family Law: Law Society of New South Wales
- 1996 Master of Laws: University of New South Wales
- 1986 Bachelor of Laws: University of Sydney
- 1986 Bachelor of Economics: University of Sydney

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Equity, Real Property, and Trusts
- Family Law, Matrimonial Property, Child Welfare and Adoption
- Succession and Family Provision
- Mediation, Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Resolution

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2007 – present Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- 2004 – 2007 Barrister, Family Law Chambers
- 1998 – 2004 Barrister, 8th Floor Windeyer Chambers
- 1997– 1998 Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- 1991 – 1997 Associate Partner from 1955, Turner Freeman Lawyers, Parramatta and Sydney
- 1988 – 1991 Associate Partner from 1989, White Barnes Solicitors
- 1986 – 1988 Solicitor, Elias Gates and Associates Pty Ltd, Padstow

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association
- Member, Conciliators and Arbitrators Association
- Member, Australian Association of Family Lawyers and Conciliators
- Member, Law Council of Australia - Family Law Section

PUBLICATIONS

- Contributor to LexisNexis (formerly Butterworth's) *Family Law Services* – 1998 and 2007
- Contributor to *Family Law*, Halsbury's Laws of Australia – 2007 to present
- National Editor of the CCH *De Facto Relationship Service* – 1998 to 2003

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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

For over two decades, Neil has delivered family law-related papers to industry associations, universities and legal conference organisers. Select papers are as follows.

- *Recent Amendments to the Child Support Scheme*: College of Law - 2008
- *Assessment of Contributions to a Marriage by Third Parties*": University of New South Wales - 2008
- *Family Law Update*: University of New South Wales - 2007
- *Injunctions in the Family Court*: University of New South Wales - 2007
- *Assessing the Impact of Shared Parenting Responsibility (SPR) Legislation Operation*: LexisNexis Master Class - 2007
- *Identifying and Recovering Hidden Assets*: LegalWise Seminars
- *Assessing Contributions*: University of New South Wales - 2007
- *Drafting Financial Agreement*: LexisNexis - 2007
- Recent Developments in Family Law-the Cases: Young Lawyers - 2007

SELECT CASES

High Court of Australia and Full Court of the Family Court of Australia

- *MRR v GR* (2010) 263 ALR 368 – In this matter, Neil prepared the Summary of Argument for the Special Leave application before the High Court of Australia
- *Lockley and Bardot* (2016)
- *Sanger and Sanger* (2011)
- *Vance and Vance* (2011)
- *Cameron and Walker* (2010)
- *Eddington and Eddington (NO 2)* (2007)
- *Bolitho and Cohen* (2005)
- *Handcock and Flanagan* (2002)
- *Ferrall and McTaggart v Blyton* (2000)
- *Dickson and Dickson* (1999)