

# CLYLLYN SPERLING

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Clyllyn practises mainly in the areas of family law, matrimonial property, child welfare and adoption as well as general litigation.

With extensive experience appearing in State and Federal Courts in both hearings and interlocutory matters, Clyllyn is regularly called upon to give expert legal advice and representation in matters for parents, grandparents and children, from a diverse range of economic backgrounds. His in-depth knowledge of the case law and legislation in his areas of practice, coupled with his ability to provide empathy and a deep level of understanding of the issues in complex matters in difficult circumstances, lays the foundation for delivery of a service his clients highly value.

Previous experience includes practise as in-house counsel and solicitor advocate at Legal Aid NSW, prior to which he gained considerable experience as a solicitor in private practice. Whilst a solicitor, Clyllyn gained specialist accreditation in Family Law from the Law Society of New South Wales, honing in his knowledge and skills in what has become one of his core areas of practice at the Bar. He often appears for Legal Aid clients who are disadvantaged, from non-English speaking and culturally diverse backgrounds, as well as people with intellectual disabilities.

Clyllyn has been a member of the Family Law and Legal Aid Committees of the New South Wales Bar Association. He is also a member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia and a member of the Legal Aid Review Committee. He has delivered numerous papers in his areas of practice and holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New South Wales.

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### ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2011 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales
- 1988 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1987 Bachelor of Laws - University of Sydney
  - 1980 Bachelor of Arts - University of New South Wales
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## PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Family Law, Matrimonial Property, Child Welfare and Adoption
- Mediation, Arbitration, and Alternative Dispute Resolution in family law and care and protection matters
- General Litigation

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011 – present      Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- 1996 – 2011      In-house Solicitor/Advocate, Legal Aid of New South Wales
- 1994 – 1996      Solicitor, Pye Partners
- 1990 – 1994      Solicitor, Hunt Musgrave Peach Lawyers
- 1988 – 1990      Solicitor, Pigott Stinson Lawyers

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association
- Member, Law Council of Australia – Family Law Section
- Committee Member, New South Wales Bar Association – Family Law: 2013 - 2017
- Committee Member, New South Wales Bar Association – Legal Aid: 2013 - 2017
- Committee Member, Legal Aid Review Committee: 2012 - 2017

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Interviewing children as an Independent Children’s Lawyer*: paper delivered in-house: 2015
- *The Role of the Independent Children’s Lawyer*: Parramatta Interagency Seminar: 2013
- *Less Adversarial Trials and Child Responsive Program*: presented to the UTS Postgraduate Family Dispute Resolution Course: 2013
- *Affidavits in Reply*: paper delivered in-house: 2012
- *Service without a Smile - or Maybe Not (cases and law on the Service of documents)*: presentation to the Legal Aid Conference: 2011
- *Cross Examination – What Not to Do*: paper delivered in-house
- *Practical Tips*: 2010
- *Court proceedings for children’s matters in Family Law*: (paper and role play scenario): for Higher School Certificate Legal Studies students: 2007 - 2010
- *Advocacy Role Play*: LAC inhouse family law workshop: 2006