

July 2021 Newsletter

Your Membership Renewal

A reminder that your AIFLAM Membership renewal is now due. Thank you to so many of our members who have already processed their renewals. For those who haven't yet, please login to your member profile to renew your membership. Please also take this opportunity to ensure that the details we hold for you are accurate and up to date. It is important that you have ticked the correct boxes for arbitrator, mediator (including fixed fee) or FDRP to ensure your details are included in search results from the website.

Categories of Membership

The AIFLAM Board recently resolved to introduce some additional categories of membership:

- Student membership is now available. For the first year (2021-2022), this membership will be free of charge.
- Junior membership is now available at a reduced rate for practitioners with 0-4 years PAE. Practitioners working in legal aid, community legal centres and not for profit organisations are also able to access this reduced rate.

Mediation and arbitration course update

We have just completed another successful online NMAS Mediation Course. Once again, this course was nearly fully subscribed. Our next mediation course will run in the second half of 2021, date to be confirmed. We are also hoping to run an advanced mediation course this year. Please check our website for updates in relation to course dates.

We will be running another NMAS Re-accreditation day on 27 October 2021, also to be presented online via zoom. This program is designed for those NMAS Accredited Mediators who have been unable to meet the NMAS re-accreditation requirements (mediation hours or CPD). For full details and to register please click here. Please note that this is a re-accreditation day and as such registration is only open to those currently seeking to re-accredit their AIFLAM

NMAS Accreditation. If you are unsure as to whether you qualify for registration please email us at mail@aiflam.org.au with your particular details.

Our next Arbitration Training Course will run face to face in Adelaide over 2 days, Friday 10 and Saturday 11 September, immediately prior to the Family Law Section 19th National Family Law Conference 2021. This will be our first face to face course for many months, and so I encourage those family lawyers keen to secure registration as a Regulation 67B arbitrator to book their place now.

Over the course of the program, participants will learn the essentials of arbitration for family law matters - what it is and is not, the rules and statutory basis of Family Law Arbitration and how it fits into the family law dispute resolution system.

Successful completion of the course will entitle attendees to be listed as a Family Law Arbitrator pursuant to Regulation 67B of the Family Law Regulations.

Please note there are pre-requisites for registration for this course.

For full details and to register please click here.

If you have any questions regarding the course, or difficulty with registration, please contact AIFLAM at mail@aiflam.org.au

We also have plans for a series of workshops in both arbitration and mediation throughout 2021-22. Please keep an eye on our website for details.

19th National Family Law Conference 2021 - Adelaide

As you would no doubt be aware, the 19th National Family Law Conference has been launched, to run 12-15 September 2021 in Adelaide. It is an exciting program featuring prominent national and international jurists, academics, leading lawyers and allied professionals from a range of disciplines. Full details of the program are available here. AIFLAM will be presentig a session, Concurrent Session 6A on Wednesday 15 September, entitled "Arbitration 2021 Update - Recent Cases and Future Plans". We will also have a booth as an Exhibitor at the Conference. Please come and say hello.

I very much look forward to catching up with AIFLAM members in Adelaide for the Conference, and hope to arrange a gathering of AIFLAM members at a convenient time to all. Details will be provided in a newsletter closer to September.

Congratulations

On behalf of the AIFLAM Board and our members, AIFLAM recognises and congratulates former AIFLAM Board Member, and former Federal Circuit Court Judge, Her Excellency, Ms

Barbara Baker AC who recently became Tasmania's 29th Governor, and who was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours.

The AIFLAM Board also acknowledges and congratulates Mr Marcus Turnbull SC, who has been the Tasmanian representative on the AFILAM Board since 2014, on his appointment to the Launceston Registry of the Federal Circuit Court. His contribution and commitment to AIFLAM and its members, including as Treasurer, has been significant, and is very much appreciated.

Kind regards

Andrew Davies AIFLAM Chair