

AIFLAM and FLPA QLD

On Friday 6th May AIFLAM presented a twilight seminar in collaboration with the Family Law Practitioners Association of Queensland on the topic of arbitrating family law disputes. We are very grateful to Geoff Wilson and Lisa Lahey and the other partners of HopgoodGanim Lawyers for hosting the event in their fabulous conference room and providing food and drinks for the attendees.

Presented by AIFLAM Chair, Andrew Davies and AIFLAM Queensland Board Member the Hon. Colin Forrest SC, and facilitated by Geoff Wilson, the seminar was attended by a large number of Queensland family lawyers to hear about the ins and outs and benefits of taking their clients' property disputes to private arbitration rather than to court. They were assisted by Lisa Lahey and Trent Waller each of whom shared stories about their experience in using arbitration to help resolve family disputes quickly and cost effectively.



AIFLAM Accredited Specialist Family Law Arbitrators - Advanced Arbitration Course

We are very pleased to announce that AIFLAM has entered into a partnership with Bond University Faculty of Law to provide advanced, specialised family law arbitration training. On successful completion of the course lawyers will be AIFLAM Accredited Specialist Family Law Arbitrators and promoted to the profession and courts on a new list.

In addition to a Certificate of Completion, the Advanced Course will also enable participants to claim credit points towards other postgraduate study at Bond University. We anticipate that other Universities will also recognise this course and allocate credits. Updates soon.

The new course will start in October 2022 with the date to be circulated shortly together with full details. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list to express interest in the Advanced Course, and to receive early notice of the course details and confirmed date, please advise the AIFLAM team by email to mail@aiflam.org.au.

AIFLAM Membership

AIFLAM members will have recently received their renewal email for the 2022-23 membership year.

Members are encouraged to renew their email, and for those practitioners in our database who are not AIFLAM members, please consider joining to support the promotion of ADR initiatives in family law. Click <u>here</u> to join as a new member.

Upcoming AIFLAM courses and events

The next 6 months are busy with many different options for courses and workshops in mediation and arbitration, both face to face and online.

The following courses are currently open for registration:

<u>Webinar – Lawyer Assisted Mediation – Wednesday 22nd June, 2022</u> AIFLAM has invited members to a free webinar panel discussion, relevant to both mediators and family lawyers at all levels of experience. Our expert panel will provide handy hints enabling practitioners to assist their clients at all stages of the mediation process.

The webinar will be on Wednesday 22nd June from 4.30pm until 5.30pm AEST and is free for AIFLAM members to attend – register at this link <u>ZOOM</u>. Non-members, click <u>here</u> to join AIFLAM so that you can then register for the webinar. Places are limited. With over 100 registrations within the first 24 hours of promotion of the webinar, don't delay and register now.

Adelaide - Arbitration Seminar – Offering clients fresh ADR options – Friday 29th July 2022

This seminar will be offered face to face in Adelaide from 4.30pm until 6.30pm ACST, followed by drinks and nibbles. We are very grateful for the generosity and support of Jill Miller, and Norman Waterhouse Lawyers who will host the seminar in their offices at level 11, 431 King William Street, Adelaide.

This seminar will provide family lawyers with all they need to know to start arbitrating family law disputes. From the benefits for clients, to procedural matters, this seminar (with useful arbitration material provided) will cover everything you need to know to get your first arbitration underway.

Our highly experienced presenters will be the Hon. Steven Strickland QC together with AIFLAM Chair Andrew Davies. Don't miss out, secure your registration <u>here.</u>

AIFLAM Arbitration Course - Friday 12th and Saturday 13th August 2022 – Adelaide

This will be the first full face to face course run by AIFLAM in over 2 years. Scheduled in Adelaide immediately prior to the National Family Law Conference, successful completion of the course will entitle family lawyers to apply for registration pursuant to Regulation 67B of the Family Law Regulations. For those who don't want to become a specialist family law arbitrator, the course will provide valuable insight into the conduct of arbitration as an efficient and cost-effective alternative to court.

We are fortunate to have secured a highly skilled team of facilitators to present this course face to face:

- The Hon. Justice Brasch, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1)
- The Hon. Steven Strickland QC
- Martin Bartfeld AM QC
- AIFLAM Chair, Andrew Davies

For full details of the course and to register, please click here.

<u>Mediation Short Course – Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October 2022 – Hobart</u> This two day course, on the beautiful Hobart waterfront, will provide participants with an understanding of the concepts and principles of facilitative mediation. The training may be undertaken as a stand alone course, or combined with a further 4 days of online training to enable participants to apply for registration as an AIFLAM NMAS Accredited Mediator.

For full details and to register, please click here.

<u>NMAS Mediation Training Course – 12th – 14th and 17th – 19th October 2022 – online via zoom</u>

This six day course is interactive and practical, teaching participants the skills of the AIFLAM model of facilitative mediation. Successful completion will enable participants to apply for accreditation as AIFLAM NMAS Accredited Mediators.

For full details and to register, please click here.

<u>AIFLAM NMAS Re-accreditation Day – Wednesday 9th November 2022 –</u> online via zoom

For those members who have been unable to meet the NMAS reaccreditation requirements (mediation hours or CPD), this program offers the opportunity to re-accredit pursuant to the NMAS.

For full details and to register, please click here .

As you can see, there are many options to learn and connect in the area of alternative dispute resolution in family law. Register early for the above workshops and courses to ensure that you don't miss out!

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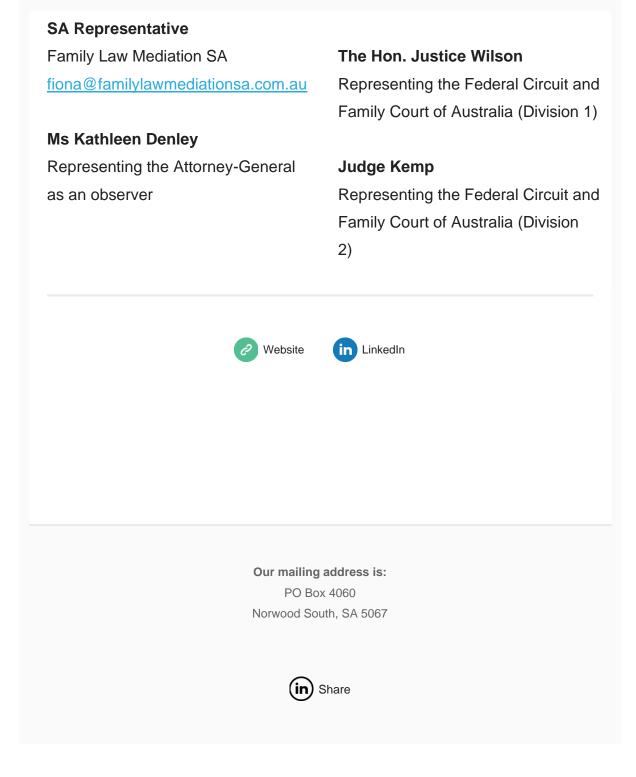
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