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## INTRODUCTION

The Hon Neil Brown, QC, - Arbitrator, Mediator and Conciliator.

- \* Long and distinguished career in Government and the law. Minister, Member of Parliament and a delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations and other international organisations.
- \* Minister in four portfolios in the Federal Government of Australia, including Communications and the Attorney-General's portfolio and a Member of the Australian Parliament.
- \* Went to the Bar in 1964, appointed Queen's Counsel in 1980 and has practised in virtually every area of the law, mainly in commercial, construction, governmental, intellectual property, administrative law, alternative dispute resolution (ADR), town planning, employment and industrial relations law.

#### Now:

- \* Qualified and experienced as an arbitrator, mediator and conciliator.
- \* Leading domain name arbitrator and advisor.
- \* Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Chartered Arbitrator.
- \* Adjunct Professor at Murdoch University, Western Australia.
- \* Founder of the website **www.domaintimes.info**, an authoritative commentary on all domain name issues.

Appointed by WIPO, the ADNDRC, the AAA/IDRC and the NAF to a series of panels to adjudicate on disputes arising under the new generic Top Level Domains as well as panels to arbitrate on regular domain name disputes.

## PERSONAL AND EDUCATION

- Born 22 February 1940 in Melbourne, Australia.
- Educated at Moonee Ponds Central School, and the University of Melbourne Graduated as Bachelor of Laws – 1963.
- Resident Tutor in law at International House and Ormond College,
   University of Melbourne 1963 1968.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

• 1964 Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria

• 1980 Appointed as Queen's Counsel.

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL CAREER

| 1964 – present | Barrister and Solicitor in Australia                                     |
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| 1980 – present | Queen's Counsel  |
| 1969 – 1972    | Member of Federal Parliament   |
| 1975 – 1983    | Member of Federal Parliament   |
| 1984 – 1991    | Member of Federal Parliament   |
| 1981 – 1982    | Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs                                |
| 1982           | Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs                               |
| 1982 – 1983    | Minister for Communications, and   |
|                | Minister Assisting the Attorney-General                                  |
| 1985 – 1987    | Deputy Leader of the Opposition  |
|                | Shadow Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations                  |
|                | Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs                                      |
| 1988 – 1990    | Shadow Attorney-General  |
|                | Shadow Minister for Justice  |
| 1990 – 1991    | Shadow Minister for Communications                                       |
| 2003           | Appointed by Australia to the Panel of Conciliators at the International |
|                | Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington,  |
|                | USA.   |
| 2003           | Awarded the Centenary Medal by the Commonwealth of Australia             |
| 2004           | Appointed as a member of the World Intellectual Property Organisation    |
|                | (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center's List of Neutrals and the       |
|                | Center's Domain Name Panel.  |
| 2006           | Appointed to the Czech Arbitration Court panel for the resolution of     |
|                | domain name disputes.  |
| 2010           | Appointed to the Domestic Panel, the International Panel and the CIRA    |
|                | Domain Name Dispute Panel of the British Columbia International          |
|                | Commercial Arbitration Centre.   |
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# LEGAL CAREER

1963 Articled Clerk

1964 Admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

1964 – 2005 Practised as a Barrister and a Queen's Counsel in the fields of:

- Commercial and Company Law
- Town Planning and Local Government Law
- Building and Construction Law
- Administrative Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Industrial Relations and Employment Law
- Criminal Law

Involvement in professional organisations in planning, arbitration and Industrial Relations.

Extensive experience in Alternative Dispute Resolution, including mediation and arbitration.

Arbitration of all international domain name disputes (as in .com), Australian, Canadian, Asian and European (.eu) domain name disputes.

#### INVOLVEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Mr. Brown has had a long-term involvement in all forms of ADR, particularly mediation and arbitration.

## Mr. Brown is a:

- Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Chartered Arbitrator;
- Graded arbitrator and a mediator accredited by The Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia;
- Accredited Mediator with the Victorian Bar Dispute Resolution Scheme;
- Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration;
- Fellow and Councillor of the Australian Institute for Commercial Arbitration;
- Holds the Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation and Conciliation of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia; and
- Has taken part in virtually every type of ADR.
- Government Inquiries.

Mr. Brown has conducted three significant inquiries for the Australian Government:

- An inquiry into the longstanding claims of a 'whistleblower' against a bank.
- Chairman of the Consultative Group on Constitutional Change which assessed public opinion on certain proposals to reform the Australian Constitution.
- <u>Inquiry</u> into the crash of a military aircraft.

For availability for arbitration, mediation, consulting, expert appraisal of cases, inquiries and investigations, contact Mr. Brown or his Clerk.

#### CURRENT – APPOINTMENTS IN ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

| ICSID | Member of the Panel of Conciliators at the International Centre for the Settlement of |
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Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington, USA.

WIPO Member of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Arbitration and

Mediation Center's List of Neutrals and the Center's Domain Name Panel.

NAF Member of the Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, National Arbitration Forum

(USA).

CIETAC Member of Panel of Arbitrators for International (Foreign – related) Disputes of the

China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC).

ADNDRC Member of Domain Name Dispute Panel for the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for

Arbitration

IAMA Member of Domain Name Dispute Panel for the Institute of Arbitrator and Mediators,

Australia

AIRC Member of Panel of Mediators, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission.

C INST ARB Member of Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators with the Chartered Institute of

Arbitrators (Australia).

PANELIST for the Resolution of Domain Name Disputes at the ADNDRC, the Regional Centre

for Arbitration, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the Czech Arbitration Court, Prague, and

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Australia).

**PANELIST** Domestic Panel, International Panel and the CIRA Domain Name Dispute Panel of

the British Columbia International Commercial Arbitration Centre.

## **EXPERIENCE IN ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION**

Mr. Brown now works in arbitration, mediation, and the conduct of inquiries in many fields, notably -

- building and construction.
- intellectual property, communications, domain names and IT;
- commercial, contracts and trade.

#### SPECIAL INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

- Arbitration, mediation and conciliation, both domestic and international in intellectual property, all commercial matters, construction and communications.
- The procedures, protocols and structures of Government, encompassing the development and review of legislation and the operation of statutory bodies.
- Factors guiding Government decision-making and issues relating to public and commercial representation and advocacy.
- Legal and political factors attendant to democratisation and free and fair elections.
- Employment and labour relations issues, including Federal and State systems of individual contracting, bargaining, conciliation and arbitration.
- The principles of law and general conduct of public inquiries, including administrative and constitutional factors relating to appointments and composition, procedural fairness and judicial review.
- Legal, regulatory and commercial factors relating to the telecommunications industry.

#### SOME TYPICAL CASES HANDLED AS AN ARBITRATOR OR MEDIATOR

- Mediation of a dispute between principal engineers and consulting electrical engineers on scope of work, terms of contract and over-run of work.
- International arbitrations on the sale of goods.
- Arbitration of a dispute between administrator of superannuation funds and an employer.
- Mediation of a building dispute in Sydney between builder-developer and owner, the dispute being over the scope of work, quality of work and variations.
- Has a lengthy interest in the building and construction industry, stemming from appearances
  in a government inquiry into permanency of employment in the industry and industrial
  relations cases in the building and mining industries.
- Town planning cases involving interpretation and application of plans.
- Proceedings on commercial, trade and business disputes.
- Arbitration on liability for GST under a long term contract in the energy industry between electricity producer and purchaser.
- Mediation of a separate case in the same field.
- Proceedings on domain name disputes for WIPO, the National Arbitration Forum (USA) the
  Asian Domain Name Dispute Resolution and other international panels; has a particular
  interest in intellectual property and IT. A long series of arbitrations, advice, lecturing and
  tutoring on domain names.

- Mediation of several commercial and other disputes including: the administrative structure
  and funding of a municipal library, a dispute between landlord and tenant of vineyard and
  contracting parties as to their respective liabilities under agreement and investment and
  partnership contracts.
- Arbitration of a dispute on the international sale of goods between India and the United States.
- Arbitration of a dispute on the sale of Australian wine to the USA.
- Arbitration of a dispute between a NSW and overseas principal and Victorian agent.
- Mediation of a dispute on competing proposals for the development of a large tract of land in New South Wales.
- Mediation of dispute on the provision of fringe benefits under a group of remuneration contracts relating to Fringe Benefits Tax.
- Mediation on breach of service contract involving IP.
- Mediation of large construction dispute over steel fixing.
- Mediation of a dispute on restraint of trade on former employees and directors.
- Mediation of dispute between lender and shareholders and directors of company.
- Dispute on the terms of a consultancy agreement.
- Numerous mediations on quality of work, claims for extras and delays in works.
- Mediation of several disputes between a private health insurer and groups of private hospitals on the degree of reimbursement to be paid by the insurer to the hospitals.
- Mediation of several disputes between universities/research institutions and investors on the commercialization of inventions.

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, WRITING AND TEACHING

- Speaker at LAWASIA conference and Australian Law Convention, 2005, on 'Arbitration: A
  viable alternative to judicial resolution?'
- Speaker at the First .eu Panelists meeting, Czech Arbitration Court, Prague 21 March 2007
- Guest speaker at ANDRC Conference and Workshop, Kuala Lumpur January 17 and 18, 2014
- Speaker at function of The Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators, Victorian Chapter, 2005 on 'Recent Arbitration Cases.'
- Speaker at Commercial Litigation Masterclass, 2005, on Expert Evidence.
- Chair and Speaker at Workshop on Mediation, 2005.
- Author of articles and case notes on arbitration and mediation, including recent articles on
  anti-suit injunctions and orders for interest on arbitration awards and the article *The*Arbitration of Celebrity Domain Name Disputes in the International Trade and Business Law

- Review, Vol X111, 2010.
- Certificates of training-WIPO Arbitration Workshop and WIPO Advanced Workshop on Domain Name Dispute Resolution: Update on Practices and Precedents.
- Seminar for barristers and solicitors on mediation. Sponsored by Michael Green Barristers'
   Clerk.
- Speech at Cairns Conference of IAMA on domain names.
- Tutoring and lecturing at UNSW arbitration and mediation course.
- Peer review interviews for Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- Conducted discussion session on internet copyright.
- Teaching Domain name law and practice in Melbourne.
- Addressed Domain name conferences throughout Europe, Asia, the USA and Australia. Seoul.
- Conducted accreditation interviews for mediators through The Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia (IAMA).
- Conducted mock mediations for IAMA and LEADR.
- Addressed IAMA training course on mediation for IAMA IN 2007.
- Assisted various Universities in moot court preparations and discussion sessions.
- Lecturer and Tutor in International Commercial Arbitration course for The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
  - British Passport
  - Chambers also in London
  - Able to sit on arbitrations and mediations in Europe, USA, Asia, Latin America and Australasia.
  - ·Article in Computers & Law-September 2005 on Powers of Internet Domain Name Country Code administrator confirmed: *Capital Networks Pty Ltd v. auDomain Administrationb Limited*<sup>1</sup>

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## COMPANY DIRECTOR AND BOARD MEMBER

At various times, Mr. Brown has held the following positions:

- Director Meridian Communications Pty Ltd.
- Member of the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service (CRS).
- Director of Life Insurance Complaints Service Limited.
- Chairman of selection panels to recommend appointments to Federal agencies including the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and the Special Broadcasting Service.
- Appointed by the Federal Government as Leader of the Australian National Observer Group, an election observing group for Zimbabwe.

Detailed information can be provided on these appointments.

#### INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Australian Institute of International Affairs Study and Travel Grant for a study of the Indian Ocean region.
- Represented Australia as a Minister at a meeting of Labor Ministers at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – Paris.
- South Pacific Labor Ministers' Conference Kiribati.
- Represented Australia as Minister at International Labor Organisation Geneva.
- Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations, New York.
- Leader of the Australian National Observer Group observing independence elections in Zimbabwe.
- Member of the Australian delegation to independence celebrations Zimbabwe.
- Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference Guatemala.
- International Conference on issues in the Asian Region South Korea.
- Bilderberg Group Meeting Belgium.
- Numerous parliamentary delegations and private study visits to Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

## The Hon Neil Brown QC

# SOME EXAMPLES OF CASES IN WHICH THE HON NEIL BROWN QC HAS ARBITRATED AND MEDIATED AND PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

A long series of arbitrations, advice, lecturing and tutoring on domain names.

Mediation on breach of service contract involving IP.

Mediation of several disputes between universities/research institutions and investors on the commercialisation of inventions.

Arbitration of dispute between online gaming company and provider of computer services

Maintaining website on domain name arbitration at www.domaintimes.info

Mediation of a multi party dispute over the administration and finances of a public library.

Arbitration of a dispute between computer service company and its customer as to receipt of money.

Four day mediation of a dispute on competing proposals for the development of a large tract of land in New South Wales.

Mediation of dispute on the provision of fringe benefits under a group of remuneration contracts relating to Fringe Benefits Tax.

Mediation of large construction dispute over steel fixing.

Mediation of multi-million dollar dispute between construction company and body corporate of large prestige apartment block

Arbitration of industrial relations dispute concerning statutory long service leave scheme

Arbitration of dispute between parties to service contract at large apartment development

Two arbitrations on GST (VAT) relating to small business.

Arbitration of a dispute on the international sale of goods between India and the United States.

Arbitration of a dispute on the sale of Australian wine to the USA.

Arbitration of a dispute between NSW /overseas principal and Victorian agent.

Mediation of a dispute on restraint of trade on former employees and directors.

Mediation of dispute between lender and shareholders and directors of company.

Several disputes on the terms of a consultancy agreement.

Alternative dispute resolution hearing on the price of electricity.

Numerous mediations on quality of work, claims for extras and delays in works.

International arbitration on the sale of goods.

Mediation of several disputes between private health insurers and groups of private hospitals on the degree of reimbursement to be paid by the insurer to the hospitals.

Mediation of dispute in the film industry between Director and Producers.

Mediation stages of a dispute concerning the alleged malpractice of a health professional.

Mediation of dispute between body corporate of block of flats and contract cleaner and maintenance company.

Arbitration of a dispute arising from an international distributor contract.

Sitting as member of several professional association disciplinary committees, in particular accountants and veterinary surgeons.

Mediation of dispute over professional advice on investment in company shares.

## SOME APPEARANCES AS LECTURER

Speaker at Legalwise Conference –IP and the Online Space

Four times guest lecturer on Domain Name Law at arbitrators' diploma course held alternatively in Malaysia and Australia

Tutor at Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and University of New South Wales on international arbitration.

Speaker at Leo Cussen Institute ADR conference in Melbourne on mediation.

Chair and Speaker at Greens List seminar on alternative dispute resolution

Speaker at various domain name and arbitration conferences and seminars in Hong Kong, Seoul, Washington, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Canberra, Geneva, Vienna, California.

ICC Workshop on International Commercial Arbitration Hong Kong 2-4 July 2010

Annual Conference of the Victorian Bar, 18-19 February 2012

IPSANZ Conference 2-4 September 2011

Department of Justice Seminar on new Commercial Arbitration Act 2011-30 November 2011

ACLA Seminar on Protection of Intellectual Property - 9 November 2011

Hearing cases as a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia Professional Conduct Committee; 2011: 3 cases; 2012: 4 cases. Other cases heard as they arise.

Address to The Victorian Bar on domain name arbitration.