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Curriculum Vitae



Appointed Senior Counsel (KC equivalent): 6 October 2011

Admissions

Barrister: 9 August 1996

Solicitor: 3 July 1987

Jurisdictions

Throughout Australia and internationally

Educational and Professional Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts (University of Sydney, 1985)

Bachelor of Laws (University of Sydney, 1987)

Accredited Mediator (LEADR) (1993)

Master of Laws (University of Sydney, 1996)

Additional Professional Qualifications

National Accredited Mediator (2008)

Arbitrator (2010)

Expert Determiner (2010)

Advanced Mediator (2013)

Fellow, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (2016)

Fellow, Resolution Institute (2016)

International Mediation Institute, Certified Mediator (2017)

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Singapore International Mediation Institute, Certified Mediator (2017)
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2020)
Grade 1 Arbitrator, Resolution Institute (2020)
Registered International and Domestic Arbitrator, Papua New Guinea (2020)
Accredited Mediator, Instructor and Coach – Advanced Mediator Training, Papua New Guinea (2021)
Registered Expert Determiner, Resolution Institute (2021)
Registered Mediator, Papua New Guinea (2022)
Unrestricted Mediator Practising Certificate, Papua New Guinea (2023)
Leading Mediator (AMDRAS) (2026)

Sports-Related Appointments

International

Court of Arbitration for Sport (General and Football Lists), Arbitrator and Mediator

National

National Sports Tribunal (Australia), Member (Arbitrator and Mediator)
Football Australia (FA): Appeals Committee; Member; Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, Co-Chair; National Dispute Resolution Chamber, Deputy Chair
Basketball Australia, Member of Hearing Panels and Appeal Tribunal
Rugby Australia Code of Conduct Committee

State

Acting Racing Appeals Tribunal, NSW
Chair, Appeals Tribunal, Football NSW (FNSW)
Member, Appeals Board of AFL (Australian Rules Football) NSW/ACT

Arbitral Panel Appointments

London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
Qatar International Center for Conciliation and Arbitration (QICCA)
Abu Dhabi Global Markets Arbitration Centre (ADGM)
Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC)
Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC)
Thailand Arbitration Centre, Distinguished Panel of Arbitrators (THAC)
Singapore International Arbitration Centre (Reserve List) (SIAC)
Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC)
Shanghai Arbitration Commission (SAC)

Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB)
Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA)
Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA)
National Court of PNG, International and Domestic Arbitrator
District Court of NSW
Australian Communications and Media Authority (**ACMA**) register of bargaining code arbitrators

Mediation Panel Appointments

International Mediation Institute
ADGM
Singapore International Mediation Institute
AIAC
ACICA
Dubai International Financial Centre Court
Accredited and Registered Mediator, Papua New Guinea
Resolution Institute Panel of Advanced Mediators
Supreme Court of NSW
District Court of NSW
Northern Territory Government, Petroleum Regulations
Queensland Competition Authority
ACMA register of bargaining code mediators

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Fellow, ACICA
Fellow, Resolution Institute
Member, AIAC
Member, International Mediation Institute
Member, Singapore International Mediation Institute
NSW Bar Association; Chair, ADR Committee
Member, Supreme Court of NSW, ADR Steering Committee
Victorian Bar Association
Australia and New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA)

Arbitration

Anthony is an accredited arbitrator, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, a Fellow of Resolution Institute and registered in the Australian Register of Practising Arbitrators as a Grade 1 Arbitrator. He is also accredited as an International and Domestic Arbitrator by the National Court of Papua New Guinea and accredited as an arbitrator in Dubai.

He has been ranked by “*Doyle’s Guide to the Australian Legal Profession*” in 2019-2025 as a leading Australian Arbitration Senior Counsel primarily for his work as an arbitrator.

He has also been ranked by *Lexology Index 2025 and 2026 (formerly Who’s Who Legal)* (Global Index and Australia & New Zealand) as “Recommended” in the category of “Sports and Entertainment”.

He has been appointed as a sole and a panel arbitrator in disciplinary, regulatory and commercial disputes including those involving sport. Anthony has presided over 100 arbitrations including as chair since 2009.

CAS

Anthony has been appointed as President, Sole Arbitrator and as Co-Arbitrator in CAS procedures involving eligibility, selection/non-selection, disciplinary, regulatory, anti-doping, and commercial and employment issues in the ordinary and appeal divisions.

He has also been appointed to the CAS ad hoc panels for the Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia (2018), the Asian Games, Jakarta, Indonesia (2018), the FIBA World Cup, Beijing, China (2019), the FIFA Women’s World Cup, Australia and New Zealand (2023), and the Asian Games, Hangzhou, China (2023).

National Sports Tribunal

As an inaugural member of the National Sports Tribunal, Anthony has acted as conciliator, as the Chair of an arbitral panel and as a sole arbitrator in matters involving member protection policy issues and as a sole arbitrator in a disciplinary matter. He has also acted as a mediator.

Football Australia

As a member of the FA Appeals Committee since 2008, Anthony has determined both disciplinary and non-disciplinary disputes that have arisen between the FA, Member Federations, Clubs, and Players including players and coaches of international repute.

As a member of the FA Dispute Resolution Chamber since 2008, Anthony has determined commercial disputes and appeals that have arisen between the FA, Member Federations, Clubs, and Players under the FA Grievance Resolution Regulations and more recently under the National Dispute Resolution Chamber Regulations, some of which have involved players and coaches of international repute.

As a member of the FA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee since 2008 (and as Co-Chair since 2021) Anthony has determined disciplinary issues arising from on-field incidents involving players and coaches of international repute competing in Australia’s National Football League (A-League).

In 2022, Anthony was appointed Deputy Chair of the FA Dispute Resolution Chamber.

Football NSW

As the Chair of the Football NSW Appeals Tribunal since 2012, Anthony has determined appeals involving both disciplinary and non-disciplinary disputes that have arisen between FNSW, Members of FNSW, Clubs and Players under the FNSW Grievance and Disciplinary Regulations.

Acting Racing Appeals Tribunal

As the Acting Racing Appeals Tribunal, Anthony has determined appeals heard on a *de novo* basis from first instance decisions in the thoroughbred, harness racing and greyhound racing industries.

Ad-hoc Arbitral Appointments

Anthony has been nominated by the President of Resolution Institute as a sole arbitrator in domestic commercial disputes, by parties in property, building and construction and commercial disputes, by Surf Life Saving New South Wales to preside over a Judiciary Committee hearing in a code of conduct matter and by Australian Sailing as a co-arbitrator in a member protection dispute.

Mediation

Anthony has been appointed as mediator in a vast array of matters since he was first accredited in 1993.

He is accredited as an “Advanced Mediator” by Resolution Institute and as a “Leading Mediator” under the Australian Mediator and Dispute Resolution Accreditation Standards (AMDRAS) (one of only a select number in Australia to achieve that accreditation and the only member of the NSW Bar to be so accredited).

He has conducted hundreds of complex and multi-party mediations since 2009.

In 2017, Anthony was certified as a mediator by the International Mediation Institute based in The Hague and by the Singapore International Mediation Institute.

In 2021, Anthony was accredited as a mediator and as a mediation instructor and coach in Papua New Guinea and registered as a mediator in that country in 2022.

Anthony’s work as a mediator has included disputes concerning commercial contracts, building and construction, employment, insurance, media rights, medical negligence, professional indemnity, property and sports.

He has also been appointed as a mediator by parties to a CAS dispute.

He has been recognised in “*Doyle’s Guide to the Australian Legal Profession*” in 2018-2025 as a leading mediator in NSW. He has also been ranked by *Lexology Index (Australia & New Zealand)*, 2026 as “Recommended” in the category of Commercial Mediation.

Sports Law Experience as an Advocate

Anthony has advised and appeared for:

- Sporting associations and athletes concerning selection disputes.
- Athletes in code of conduct, doping and related hearings.
- AFL NSW/ACT in proceedings involving disciplinary issues.
- National Rugby League in proceedings involving disciplinary issues.