

ANTHONY LO SURDO SC

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CURRICULUM VITAE



Admissions

Senior Counsel (SC/QC): 6 October 2011

Barrister: 9 August 1996

Solicitor: 3 July 1987

Jurisdictions

All States and Territories of Australia, 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)

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Fellow, Australian Centre for International
Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) (2016)
Fellow, Resolution Institute (RI) (2016)
International Mediation Institute, Certified
Mediator (2017)
Singapore International Mediation
Institute, Certified Mediator (2017)
Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
(CIArb) (2020)
Grade 1 Arbitrator, RI (2020)

Sports-Related Appointments

Arbitrator and Mediator, Court of Arbitration for Sport
Arbitrator and Mediator, Sport Resolutions (UK)
International Tennis Federation, Independent Tribunal
Member, National Sports Tribunal, Australia
Acting Racing Appeals Tribunal, NSW
Member Football Federation Australia (FFA) Appeals Committee
Deputy Chair, FFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee
Member, FFA Dispute Resolution Chamber
Chair, Appeals Tribunal, Football NSW (FNSW)
Judiciary Counsel, National Rugby League (NRL)
Member, Appeals Board of AFL (Australian Rules Football) NSW/ACT

Arbitral Panel Appointments

Court of Arbitration for Sport (General and Football Lists)
Sport Resolutions (UK) (International Panel)
DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre, Arbitration List
International Tennis Federation, Independent Tribunal
ACICA Arbitration Panel
Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) Arbitration Panel
FFA Appeals Committee
FFA Dispute Resolution Chamber
FFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee
FNSW Appeals Tribunal
District Court of New South Wales, Arbitration Panel

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Local Court of New South Wales, Arbitration Panel

Mediation Panel Appointments

Court of Arbitration for Sport
International Mediation Institute
Sport Resolutions (UK) (International Panel)
Singapore International Mediation Institute
AIAC Mediation Panel
ACICA Mediation Panel
DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre, Mediation List
Resolution Institute Panel of Advanced Mediators
Supreme Court of New South Wales and District Court of New South Wales Mediation Panels

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
Fellow, ACICA
Fellow, Resolution Institute
Member, AIAC
Member, DIFC-LCIA Arbitration Centre
Member, International Mediation Institute
Member, Singapore International Mediation Institute
NSW Bar Association
Queensland Bar Association
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 has been ranked by “*Doyles Guide to the Australian Legal Profession*” in 2019 and 2020 as a leading Australian Senior Counsel in Arbitration.

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He has been appointed as a sole and a panel arbitrator in both disciplinary and commercial disputes including those involving sport. Anthony has adjudicated in excess of 60 arbitrations mostly as chair since 2009.

CAS

- President, CAS Appeal Panel (Asian football-related disciplinary appeal), January 2018.
- Ad hoc panel for the Commonwealth Games, Gold Coast, Australia, April 2018.
- Sole arbitrator of an appeal from a determination of a single judge of the FIFA Players' Status Committee, May 2018 (commercial dispute).
- Ad hoc panel for the Asian Games, Jakarta, Indonesia, August/September 2018.
- President, CAS Appeal Panel (Asian Football-related disciplinary appeal), November 2018.
- Party appointment (commercial dispute), February 2019.
- Sole arbitrator jointly appointed by the parties in a disciplinary appeal, June 2019.
- Party appointment (commercial dispute), June 2019.
- Party appointment (disciplinary appeal), July 2019.
- Ad hoc panel for the FIBA World Cup, September 2019.
- Presidential appointment (commercial dispute), October 2019.
- Sole arbitrator (commercial dispute), May 2020.
- Party appointment (commercial dispute), July 2020.

Sport Resolutions (UK)

- In 2019, Anthony was appointed as a member of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) International Panel for the Davis Cup and in 2020 to the same panel for the Fed Cup.
- In 2020, Anthony was appointed as Chair of an ITF Independent Tribunal Panel to determine a dispute between the ITF and a Member Federation.

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FFA

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

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

As Vice-Chair of the FFA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee also since 2008, 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).

Football NSW

As the Chairman 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 and harness racing industries.

Other Arbitral Appointments

Anthony has been nominated by the President of Resolution Institute as a sole arbitrator in a domestic commercial dispute and by Surf Life Saving New South Wales to preside over a Judiciary Committee hearing in a code of conduct matter.

Mediation

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

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.

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He has been named in “*Doyles Guide to the Australian Legal Profession*” in 2018-2020 as a leading mediator in NSW.

Sports Law Experience

As an advocate, Anthony has advised and appeared for:

- Sporting associations and athletes concerning selection disputes.
- Athletes involved in claims concerning alleged breaches of world anti-doping regulations.
- Athletes in code of conduct and related hearings.
- AFL NSW/ACT in proceedings involving disciplinary issues.
- NRL in proceedings involving disciplinary issues.

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