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MR. ANTHONY LOSURDO SC

Barrister | Independent Arbitrator | Advanced Mediator, Australia



Anthony Lo Surdo SC was called to the Bar in 1996, having previously practiced as a solicitor since his admission as a legal practitioner in 1987.

He was appointed as Senior Counsel in 2011. He practices from chambers in Sydney, Melbourne, Darwin, London and Dubai.

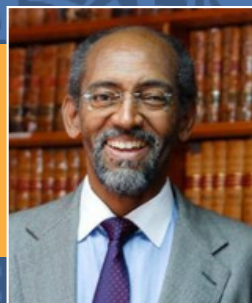
Anthony specializes in all forms of alternative dispute resolution including

mediation, arbitration and expert determination. My areas of expertise

include banking and securities, contract, general commercial, insolvency, insurance, professional indemnity, property and sports law

DR. PETER MAYNARD, KC

CLA President Senior Partner of Peter D. Maynard Counsel & Attorneys, The



Dr. Peter Maynard, Ph.D, FCI Arb was called to the Bars of The Bahamas,

England & Wales, Trinidad & Tobago, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, St. Lucia and Antigua Barbuda. He holds a B.A. (Hons) from McGill University,

LL.M from Cambridge University, Jesus College. M.A., and Ph.D with Distinction in international Law from John Hopkins University. Dr. Maynard

is Head of the Law Department, University of The Bahamas, and Senior Partner of Peter D. Maynard and is highly regarded in the field of

international commercial arbitration. He has practiced law for over 39 years. He is a member of the Honorable Society of Gray's Inn., Bahamas

Bar Association, International Bar Association and World Jurist Association.



MR. BRIAN SPEERS

Former President CLA, Managing partner of CMG Cunningham Dickey Solicitors, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom

Brian is a Council member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and a member of the Executive Committee. At the Commonwealth Law Conference in Livingstone, Zambia in 2019 he was elected as President of the CLA.

In 2010 – 11 he served as President of the Law Society of Northern Ireland. He is now Treasurer of the Law Society of Northern Ireland. Brian practices as a solicitor in Belfast, Northern Ireland where he is managing partner of CMG Cunningham Dickey Solicitors. He works mostly in property development transactions which include site acquisition and financing, planning and development.

He is one of the most experienced legal mediators in Northern Ireland. He has devised and teaches the ADR and mediation training programme for solicitors, barristers and judges run by the Institute of Professional Legal studies at Queen's University, Belfast. He is the Chair of the Law Society Mediation Service administered by the Law Society of Northern Ireland.

He is a long-time member of the Education Committee and has undertaken vocational training review for qualification as a solicitor in Northern Ireland.

Brian has been interviewed on various print and broadcast media about mediation and has written extensively about mediation particularly in the journal of the Law Society of Northern Ireland. He has contributed the chapter on Mediation in Northern Ireland for a book – Mediation in the EU. He was on the Mediation sub Committee for the Review of Civil Justice in Northern Ireland conducted by Lord Justice Gillen and was the UK nominated mediation expert to the CCBE (Bar Associations across Europe) for their publication of a guide to mediation for lawyers.

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE PETUNIA TUPOU

Acting Lord Chief Justice, Acting President of the Land Court and Acting President of the Court of Appeal, Tonga.



Petunia Tupou is a Tongan lawyer and jurist. Since 2022 she has been a judge of the Supreme Court of Tonga.

Tupou was educated at the University of Waikato in New Zealand, graduating in 1996 with a BA and LLB. She was admitted to the bar in New Zealand in 1996, and in Tonga in 1997. In September 2015 she was appointed honorary consul for the Netherlands. She is also chair of the Tonga Broadcasting Commission. In April 2021 she was appointed to the board of the Tonga Tourism Authority.

In September 2020 she was made a King's Counsel. In July 2022 she was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of Tonga, replacing Laki Niu. She was the second woman appointed as a judge, after 'Elisapeti Langi. She will be sworn in on 1 August 2022.

MS. GRIZELD (GERTHIE) MAYO-ANDA GOLLY RAMOS

Executive Director at the Environment Legal Assistance Centre, Inc, Philippines.



She started her career as a lawyer in the late 1980s as a champion of social justice and human rights.

Her advocacy widened to include the protection of the Philippines' rich biodiversity, particularly that of Palawan province, leading to the establishment of the Environmental Legal Assistance Center (Elac).



MS. BRIONY EALES

Team Leader for Judicial capacity building for environmental law, Asian Development Bank, Philippines

An Australian Lawyer specializing in climate, environmental, social, and governance law. She is currently the consultant team leader for judicial capacity building in environmental and climate change law at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The program has been instrumental in supporting judicial exchanges across Asia and the Pacific through the creation of the Asian Judges Network on the Environment and regional judicial conferences. Within the program, Briony leads the development of a judicial curriculum and training on environmental law, emphasizing teaching legal syllogism and case management in environmental law. Briony also spearheads collaboration with UNEP and IUCN on regional Pacific judicial exchanges and dispute mechanism.

Briony was the editor-in-chief and a lead author of *Climate Change, Coming Soon to a Court Near You*, ADB's four-part climate law report series on climate change law, policy, and litigation in Asia and the Pacific. Briony also contributed to ADB's 2021 report, *Gender-Inclusive Legislative Framework and Laws to Strengthen Women's Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters*. Briony has 25 years of experience as a lawyer and consultant for public and private clients in Australia and Asia. She has worked on national climate law, climate change strategy, and environmental crime laws. She has also advised corporate entities on resettlement, environmental and social impacts, engaging with indigenous communities, governance, and risk. In Australia, she was a solicitor in administrative and insurance law.

MR. HENRY CORNWELL

Counsel at the Asian Development Bank, Sydney, Australia.



Henry Cornwell is Counsel at the Asian Development Bank, supporting the operations of the Pacific and South Asia Regional Departments. As well as advising on sovereign loans and grants, Henry contributes to the Office of the General Counsel's Law and Policy Reform Program. This work includes initiatives to develop and proliferate legislative and institutional solutions to slow the pace of deforestation, and drafting contributions to the Multilateral Development Bank Common Principles for Tracking Nature-Positive Finance.

SIR JOHN BAPTIST MURIA

Chief Justice of the High Court of Tuvalu, President of the Court of Appeal Solomon Islands



Sir John Baptist Muria is a Solomon Islands judge and was the first indigenous Solomon Islander to be Chief Justice of the Solomon Islands.

Muria was Chief Justice of the Solomon Islands from 1992 to 2003. He then sat as a judge on the courts of Sierra Leone from 2003 to 2006, sitting on each of the High Court of Sierra Leone, the Court of Appeal of Sierra Leone, and the Supreme Court of Sierra Leone. In 2007, the Commonwealth Secretariat facilitated Muria becoming a justice of the Supreme Court of Belize, where he remained until 2010.

Justice Sir Muria was appointed as the Chancellor of the Solomon Islands National University, which was officially launched on 18 April 2013.



JUSTICE BRIAN PRESTON

Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court in New South Wales, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Justice Preston is the Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. Prior to being appointed in November 2005, he was a senior counsel practising primarily in New South Wales in environmental, planning, administrative and property law. He has lectured in post-graduate environmental law for nearly 30 years. He is the author of Australia's first book on environmental litigation and 134 articles, book chapters and reviews on environmental law, administrative and criminal law. He holds numerous editorial positions in environmental law publications and has been involved in a number of international environmental consultancies and capacity-building programs, including for judiciaries throughout Asia.

Justice Preston is an Official Member of the Judicial Commission of NSW, Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, Fellow of the Royal Society of NSW and Honorary Fellow of the Environment Institute of the Australia and New Zealand. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters by Macquarie University in 2018. He is a member of various international environmental law committees and advisory boards, including the interim governing council of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of Sydney, Western Sydney University and Southern Cross University.

In 2019 Justice Preston was a Visiting Fellow at Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford, and in 2020 was the Robert S Campbell Jr Visiting Fellow at Magdalen College, University of Oxford.

DR. CHARALEE GRAYDON

Euclid University, The Republic of Gambia.



Charalee Graydon (Prairies & Wadham College 1982) is a law and mediation professor at Euclid University. She lives in France and Spain. She is the author of several publications in the areas of crime and punishment, caring for the environment, and climate change. She has held academic positions in England, New Zealand, Canada and online. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science and English from the University of Alberta, a JD in Law from the University of Alberta, a BCL in Law from the University of Oxford, a Diploma in Freelance and Feature Writing from the London School of Journalism, and a PhD from Euclid University in Mediation and Conflict Resolution. In May 2023, she was appointed a trustee of the Oxford Climate Alumni Network (OxCAN)

MS. FLEUR KINGHAM

Chairperson of the Queensland Law Reform Commission, and former President of the Queensland Court, Australia.



Fleur Kingham was the President of the Land Court of Queensland from 2016 to 2024. Her Honour is the President of the Australian Association of Women Judges. President Kingham has a LLB (Hons) and a BA from the University of Queensland and a Master of International Law (Dist) from the University of Nottingham. President Kingham is a continuing member of the Griffith Law School Visiting Committee and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Griffith University in 2016. Her Honour's previous judicial appointments include positions on the Land and Resources Tribunal, the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and as a Judge of the District Court of Queensland.



DR. SRIRAK PLIPAT

Asia Pacific Regional Director of the World Justice Project

Srirak Plipat is the World Justice Project's Asia Pacific Regional Director where he develops and leads WJP's activities to advance the rule of law in the region through building strategic partnerships, disseminating knowledge, and facilitating platforms for action. Dr. Plipat has more than 20 years' experience in international law and policy on governance, justice, and human rights. Recently, Dr. Plipat was Executive Director of Freemuse where he led research and advocacy in over 20 countries for reform of policy and laws used to restrict fundamental rights in ways that are inconsistent with international human rights standards.

Dr. Plipat previously served as Transparency International's Director for Asia Pacific where he managed TI's strategy, research, and advocacy focusing on strengthening anti-corruption legal frameworks, rule of law, and accountable governance. He led the development of a research tool to measure the performances and independence of anti-corruption agencies and found TI programs in Afghanistan, Bhutan, East Timor, and Myanmar. At Amnesty International, Dr. Plipat was Director of AI's movement building, mobilization strategy, people engagement, and human rights education. He managed AI operations and regional projects in over 15 countries in Africa, Asia, and Europe. As Director of AI Thailand, he co-led the national campaign for the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Plipat was a consultant for the World Bank Institute in Washington DC, advising on participatory governance and strategic partnership with civil society. He holds a PhD in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh, PA, and a M.Sc and B.A. from Thamassat University in Thailand.



PROF. DR. PAUL DARGUSCH

Associate Professor in Environmental Management
at The University of Queensland

Dr. Paul Dargusch currently serves as Chair of the Carbon Hub and as a tenured Associate Professor at The University of Queensland (UQ). He has more than 20 years' professional experience across consulting, academia and the private sector in the field of carbon and energy management. From 2016 to 2018 Paul served as the Deputy Head of UQ's School of Earth and Environmental Sciences; Australia's top ranked University for environmental science (and in the top five globally). He has published more than 100 papers on carbon and energy management in leading peer-reviewed journals including in *Science* and *Nature Climate Change*. He is the current lead-lecturer of Carbon and Energy Management, a course offered at undergraduate and postgraduate levels at UQ to more than 200 students per year. From 2007 to 2016, Paul served as the Director of the UQ Carbon Lab, and from 2011 to 2015, he concurrently served as Academic Director of the International Energy Centre. He has led a number of high-level consultancy projects for various Governments and large corporations, providing advice on carbon and energy management and carbon offset project development around the world. He has completed projects for Government agencies in China, Indonesia, the UAE, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and Australia; some of the world's largest corporations; and leading development agencies, such as the World Bank, the UNDP, GIZ, and the FAO of the UN. Prior to joining UQ, from 1996 to 2007 Paul held various senior roles in the resources sector; including as a Forester with North Ltd and as a Special Projects Manager with Japanese trading house Itochu Corporation.



MS. SUSAN DIXON

Senior Commissioner of the Land and Environment
Court of New South Wales

Susan Dixon is the Senior Commissioner of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales. Prior to being appointed in January 2018, Ms Dixon served as a full time Commissioner of the Court from 2009 and the Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the Court from 2004 to 2009. She is an Australian lawyer, having worked in private practice for 12 years before moving to the public sector in 2002.

Ms Dixon has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from Macquarie University. She is a Nationally Accredited Mediator. Ms Dixon also acts as a Mining Commissioner with the Court and before her appointment was in-house counsel in the Department of Primary Industry and Mineral Resources and a Senior Member of the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal. She has extensive experience in planning, environmental, local government, resource and administrative law.

Ms Dixon is an occasional lecturer in environmental litigation and alternative dispute resolution at the University of Sydney and Macquarie University. She has given lectures in environmental law and mining and petroleum law at the University of Technology and the University of Notre Dame, Sydney.

Ms Dixon is a presenter on environmental litigation and alternative dispute resolution to the NSW Bar Association Bar Practice Course. She has been involved in a number of Court-facilitated environmental capacity-building programs, including for judiciaries throughout Asia.



MS. FIONA EY

Founding Partner of Clarke Ey Korua Lawyers in Apia, Samoa

Her practice focuses on cross-border transactional and dispute resolution work. Over 25 years of practice in the Pacific region and Australia, she has developed particular expertise in corporate, finance, tourism, intellectual property and telecommunications matters. She has consulted extensively in governance and public policy across the region.

Fiona is consistently recognized as a Leading Lawyer for the Pacific Islands in Chambers Asia-Pacific and Global rankings.

Fiona holds a Masters in International Law and undergraduate degrees in history and law from the Australian National University, Canberra. She was admitted to the bar in Samoa in 2002 and the Australian Capital Territory in 1997. She is also an alumna of the East-West Center's leadership programmes in Hawaii.

Since 2017, Fiona has been Papua New Guinea's Honorary Consul to Samoa. She also holds the office of Notary Public. Fiona has served on the Samoa Law Society's Complaints and Investigation Committee since 2018 and is a member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and LAWASIA.

Fiona is passionate about the fundamental role that rule of law plays to promote fairness and protect human rights, particularly in small island developing states. She has published various articles about rule of law through Samoa's constitutional and political crises.

Fiona is a strong believer in community service and mentorship. She was formerly chair of the Samoa Small Business Enterprise Centre (2010-2018), which supports grassroots economic development through access to finance, business training and advisory services. In 2018, Fiona founded Apia International School, an online learning initiative, to promote access to secondary education. She is a mentor to the Eco Toa Pacific youth environment initiative and the Community Music Programme at the National University of Samoa, as well as Honorary Solicitor for Samoa Lifeline / Faataua le Ola

HON. JUSTICE BERNA COLLIER

National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea – Judge,
Administrative Appeals Tribunal – Deputy President, Supreme
Court of the Australian Capital Territory – Additional Judge



Justice Berna Collier is a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia and the Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea. Her Honour is a part-time Deputy President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and an additional Judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory.

Earlier in her career Justice Collier was a Commissioner of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, a director of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority and Clayton Utz Professor of Commercial Law at Queensland University of Technology. Her Honour was also a part-time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission from 2007 until 2010.

DR. MARTINO PELLI

Senior Economist, Economic Research and Development
Impact Department, ADB; Associate Professor, Department of
Economics, Université de Sherbrooke, Canada



Senior Economist in the Economic Research and Development Impact Department of the Asian Development Bank, and an Associate Professor at the Department of Economics of the Université de Sherbrooke (Québec), a Research Fellow at CIREQ, and a Researcher at CIRANO. Martino is an applied economist with interests in environment, energy, and development economics. His work focuses on the impact of rural energy use, of large transport infrastructure investments, on the economic consequences of natural disasters and on the valuation of nature. Martino's research has been published in journals such as the Journal of Development Economics, the Journal of International Economics and the European Economic Review.

DR. JUDITH PRESTON

Deputy Co-Chair, Environment Law Committee, LAWASIA,
Chairperson John Mac Foundation



Dr Judith Preston is a solicitor admitted to practice in New South Wales and the Northern Territory, since 1982. She holds a BA LLB from Macquarie University (1981) and a MEL from the University of Sydney (1994). From 1982 – 1984 Judith worked as a legal officer with the Northern Land Council based in Darwin, Northern Territory primarily centered on Aboriginal land claims under the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976. After assisting with the establishment of the Environment Defenders Office, the first public interest environment legal centre in 1984, she worked with several prominent law firms in Sydney including DLA Piper (Formerly Philips Fox) and Baker and McKenzie in a range of commercial law contract and personal injury matters. From 2004 to present Judith has taught a range of legal subjects with an emphasis on environment law at the Northern Institute of TAFE, University of Western Sydney college, Macquarie university and the University of Sydney



JUSTICE LEIATAUALESA DARYL CLARKE

Judge at the Supreme Court of Samoa

Justice Leiatuaalesa Daryl Clarke was sworn in as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Samoa on 14 December 2016. This follows his elevation to the District Court bench in January 2016. The Supreme Court is Samoa's superior court of record.

Justice Clarke was a founding partner of Clarke Ey Lawyers in 2011 and formerly a partner of Latu Ey & Clarke Lawyers. Prior to joining the Samoan private sector, Justice Clarke was an Assistant Attorney General with the Samoan Office of the Attorney General. His earlier legal career included work in private practice and government service in Australia. He is a graduate of the Australian National University and the University of Canberra.



MR. MATTHEW BAIRD

Director, Asian Research Institute for
Environment Law

Matthew was called to the NSW Bar in 1991. He has been involved in the area of environmental law since 1987. Since 2010 he has worked in ASEAN, providing environmental legal advice on a range of environmental and social governance (ESG) matters. He has worked in most of the ASEAN countries providing advice on legislation and ESG and has worked with UN Environment, UNDP, ADB, IFC, WB, WWF, Vermont Law School and Earthrights International. In particular, he has worked with ADB on judicial capacity development in environmental and climate change adjudication since 2013. He has participated in judicial workshops in Bhutan, Cambodia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Thailand.

He has run many climate litigation cases in Australia and has lectured on nuclear energy law, transboundary EIA law and environmental crime and enforcement. He has also presented training sessions for judges in a number of ASEAN countries and assisted ADB in the Train the Trainers program for capacity development for environmental law academics in Asia. He is the Deputy Chair of LAWASIA's Environmental Law Committee and a Visiting Scholar in Vermont Law School.



MS. VIRGINIA PARDO-IRANZO

Professor of Procedural Law at the University of Valencia

She began her career after obtaining a research scholarship which were awarded by the Ministry of Education and Science.

she has carried out research stays at Universities in Germany (Freiburg), Italy (Florence and Genoa), USA (New York), UK (London) and Ireland (Dublin) and teaching stays at Universities in France (Toulouse), Poland (Warsaw) and Bolivia (Santa Cruz de la Sierra). He has lectured both in Spain and abroad (USA, Panama, Brazil, Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Costa Rica, Cuba, Colombia, Bangladesh, etc.).

Her research work covers civil and criminal proceedings and ADR (Mediation, Arbitration and Restorative Justice). She is the author of nine monographs.

She is the President of the Arbitration College at the Consumer Arbitration Board of the Valencian Community since 2012, Member of the Working Group on Interpretation of the Network of Official Forensic Laboratories of Spain (RLFOE) since February 2013, President of the Spanish Chapter of the Pan-American Institute of Procedural Law since 2022.



MS. MARIA-GORETI MUAVESI

Senior Environmental Legal Officer, IUCN Oceania
Regional Office

Maria-Goreti Muavesi is the Senior Environmental Legal Officer at the IUCN Oceania Regional Office in Fiji. She has over 15 years of experience in environmental law and project management.

She is a current member of the Steering Committee of WCEL and the Chair of the Pacific Network for Environmental, the Law Working Group for the Pacific Islands Roundtable (PIRT) for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas.

She is admitted as a Legal Practitioner with the High Court of Fiji and is a graduate of the University of the South Pacific (LLB) and the University of Wollongong (Master of Fisheries Policy).

Maria undertakes law and policy research, supports member countries undertake environmental law awareness programmes, builds capacity of Environmental Law Associations and Networks in the Pacific and provides a platform to convene forums for advancing environmental law and the environmental rule of law in the Pacific.



JUDGE LAURIE J. NEWHOOK

Retired Chief Judge of Environment Court, New Zealand, Current Chief Freshwater Commissioner, and Alternate Environment Judge of New Zealand Court.

Judge Laurie Newhook retired as Chief Environment Court Judge in July 2020, having headed the New Zealand Environment Court from August 2011 and been a Judge of the Court from 2001. Prior to that he was counsel and had over thirty years of advocacy experience to that point, with particular emphasis on environmental matters, land, property, and maritime laws. He graduated LIB (Hons) from Auckland University in 1972.

On 7 January 2022, he was appointed by the Minister for the Environment to be Chief Freshwater Commissioner for the freshwater planning processes under the Resource Management Act.

Judge Newhook has presented at many national and international conferences on the themes of environmental adjudication and the use of technology in adjudicative settings and has written multiple papers on the subjects. Judge Newhook has hosted international delegations to his Court from many parts of the World; chaired and presented at the 'International Forum for Environment Judges', Oslo, Norway, June 2016; and Auckland, April 2017, and chaired and addressed plenary sessions at IUCN Academy of Environmental Law Colloquia and other international conferences.



MR. HUBERT NAMANI

President of PNG Law Society, Principal at Namani and Associate, Papua New Guinea

Hubert Namani is an accomplished lawyer, entrepreneur, and esteemed figure in Papua New Guinea's aviation, law, and business sectors. With over 22 years of post-admission legal practice experience, he is widely recognized for his expertise and contributions to the industry.

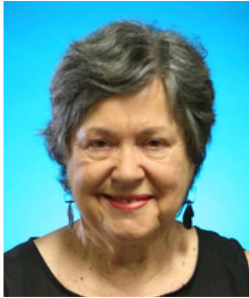
As the Principal of Namani & Associates, a reputable law firm established in 2009, Hubert leads a team of legal professionals across multiple offices in the country. He has successfully handled various complex legal matters, displaying a deep understanding of the intricacies of the law.

In addition to his legal practice, Hubert is also the founder and operator of Namani Capital Partners, a dynamic Capital Markets firm. Through his entrepreneurial endeavors, he actively engages in promoting economic growth and development.

Having served as the Chief Commissioner of the Papua New Guinea Accidents Investigation Commission for five years, Hubert possesses extensive knowledge in the aviation industry. His prior role reflects his commitment to ensuring safety and compliance within the aviation sector in the country.

Currently, Hubert serves as the President of the Papua New Guinea Law Society, demonstrating his leadership and influence within the legal community. He also holds the position of Deputy Chairman of the National Capital District Provincial Health Authority, contributing to the improvement of healthcare services in the region.

Hubert's expertise is further recognized through his involvement in numerous boards of both national and international enterprises. His diverse background and extensive network makes him a highly sought-after business leader and influential figure in Papua New Guinea and the region. Mr. Namani's remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication underscore his significant contributions to the fields of aviation, law, and business in Papua New Guinea, making him a respected name in the industry.



DR. DALE BAGSHAW

President APMF, and Associate Professor in the School of Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy, University of South Australia.

Currently an adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy, University of South Australia, Dale was previously a Head of School, Director of Postgraduate Studies, Program Director for the Masters/Graduate Diploma in Mediation and Conflict Resolution (since 1993) and the Director of the Centre for Peace, Conflict and Mediation (1993-2009). Dale is also a Visiting Professor and Examiner with the Mediation and Conflict Intervention programs, National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

Dale has been a member of three national Advisory Councils to the Australian Government, including the Family Law Council. At the 10th National Mediation Conference she was dubbed 'the grandmother' of mediation in Australia. She convened the inaugural National Mediation Conference, was a founding member, President and Vice President of the World Mediation Forum and has been President of the Asia Pacific Mediation Forum since it was formed in 2001. She has trained mediators in 8 different countries, led many national research projects, published internationally in many peer reviewed books and journals, has been on the International Editorial Board for the Conflict Resolution Quarterly since 2004 and is a reviewer for a number of other journals. Her latest book is Bagshaw, Dale and Porter, Elisabeth (Editors) Mediation in the Asia-Pacific Region. Transforming Conflicts and Building Peace, Routledge: London and New York, 2009.



MR. TONY O'GORMAN

Mediator in Papua New Guinea and Australia

Tony O'Gorman is an international mediator practising in conflict resolution and training in advanced negotiation. He is internationally accredited as a professional mediator through the International Mediation Institute, IMI (based in The Hague) and holds Australian National Accreditation by National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS) together with being a nationally accredited mediator in Papua New Guinea. He has undertaken advanced mediation training with the Global Negotiation and Insight Institute (GNII) (formerly of Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation.)

In addition, the former Hostage Negotiation Team of the New York Police Department (NYPD) has trained Tony in hostage negotiation and crisis intervention and maintains current and ongoing accreditation in the United States. He, in partnership with Dominick Missino, conducts critical response negotiation training in the Asia Pacific and most recently has been engaged by the Australian Government to train personnel who are deployed internationally to crisis situations involving Australian citizens. Tony has wide experience in cross-border, cross-cultural, multi-party and multi-issue disputes. This includes disputes involving hundreds of landowners at local village level with transnational extractive resources companies.

Tony is actively involved in promoting and advancing the efficacy of alternative approaches to dispute resolution, both at a national and international level, and holds positions on a number of International Organisations. He has mediated disputes in Canada, Ireland, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia and Australia and actively participated in conferences in Australia, the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Thailand and Malaysia, including the planning and execution of the recent APMF 'Asia Pacific Mediation Leadership Summit' in Bangkok, Thailand. Tony has been engaged by the Australian Government to conduct advanced negotiation training in emergency response engagements.

DR. HELENA BINTI MUHAMAD VARKEY

Associate Professor of Environmental Politics at the Department of International and Strategic Studies, University Malaya, lead of the study



Dr. Helena Varkkey is an Associate Professor of Environmental Politics at the Department of International and Strategic Studies, University Malaya. Her areas of expertise include transboundary haze governance in Southeast Asia and global palm oil politics. Her monograph on “The Haze Problem in Southeast Asia: Palm Oil and Politics” was published by Routledge in 2016. Her latest book is a collection of essays on the politics of haze and the environment in Southeast Asia called “The Forests for the Palms” published by ISEAS Singapore in 2021. Dr Helena has almost two decades of experience in qualitative research, including conducting fieldwork, interviews, and focus groups among various government and non-government stakeholders, and has built up extensive research networks in countries across ASEAN. She has edited and produced reports for the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, UNICEF, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

HON. JUSTICE JACQUELINE N. KAMAU

Presiding Judge at the High Court of Kenya



Justice Kamau is a former President of the Kenya Magistrates and Judges Association (KMJA). She is also a member of the International Women's Association of Judges (IAWJ) and a well-known arbitrator.

Justice Kamau is a chartered arbitrator and an accredited mediator. She is also a member of the Integrated Court Management Committee that is charged with the responsibility of automating the Kenya Judiciary and that of the Mediation Committee which came up with the Mediation Rules with a view to piloting Court-mandated mediation in the Family and Commercial and Admiralty Divisions of the High Court of Kenya.

JUSTICE VUI CLARENCE NELSON

Judge at the Supreme Court of Samoa



Justice Vui is a born and bred Samoan matai (high chief) who graduated from the University of Canterbury in 1977 with a Bachelor of Laws. He is currently serving as the Sitting Judge of the Supreme Court of Samoa. He has been a judiciary reformer and tireless advocate of human rights throughout his career, particularly for those of children.

In 2007 he was behind the first Pacific-based Young Offenders Act and Community Justice Act in 2008. He established the Samoa Youth Court and helped set up the Olomoana Centre to house young people in conflict with the law and give them the opportunity to upskill.

In 2013, he was the first Pacific Islander to be elected to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child based in Geneva where he spends 12 weeks annually monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

DR. GEORGINA LLOYD

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Regional Coordinator (Asia and the Pacific) of
Environmental Law and Governance



Dr. Georgina Lloyd Rivera is the Regional Coordinator (Asia and the Pacific) of Environmental Law and Governance for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Georgina's works cover the areas of environmental rights, environmental crime, and technical assistance in environmental law and capacity building at the national and regional level. Georgina has been involved in capacity building for environmental law within Southeast Asia and has provided advice to government and non-government stakeholders on environmental law and policy issues. Georgina holds a PhD in Law, Master in Environmental Law and Bachelor in Environmental Science (Hons 1) from the University of Sydney.

MR. JOHN MCKENDRICK, KC

Attorney General of Anguilla, Deputy English High Court Judge, International Arbitrator and Mediator, UK



John was educated at the LSE and Oxford University before being called to the Bar as a Major Scholar by the Inner Temple in 1999. He was appointed a part time tribunal judge at 34, was appointed standing counsel to the Advocate General in Scotland and was Treasury Counsel for the Attorney General in England. Her Majesty the Queen appointed him Queen's Counsel in 2016 at the age of 39.

Between 2016 and 2018 he was the Honorable Attorney General of Anguilla. He works from Outer Temple Chambers in London in the areas of commercial, public and regulatory law. He is also qualified to appear before the Anguilla and BVI courts. He has appeared as counsel in many appellate courts including HM Privy Council, the UK Supreme Court and the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal.

JUSTICE RANGAJEEVA WIMALASENA

Judge and President of Court of Appeal, Nauru



Justice Wimalasena has served as a Justice of Appeal since August 2022 and as Acting President since 27 June 2023 in Nauru.

His legal journey began in 1999 as a prosecutor in the Attorney General's Department in Sri Lanka, served as a Magistrate and District Court Judge, and later as a Magistrate and Judge of the High Court in Fiji for seven years and has nineteen years of experience in the legal profession. He completed his Bachelor of Law from the Open University of Sri Lanka and went on to complete his Masters of Law at the University of Colombo. Significantly, Justice Wimalasena has also been trained as an accredited mediator from and has a Graduate Certificate in Policy and Governance.

MR. ANDREW RAINE

Deputy Director, Law Division, United Nations Environment Program.



Andy Raine is the Deputy Director of the Law Division at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). He helps lead a global team in the progressive development and implementation of environmental rule of law.

Andy has worked for over 20 years as an environmental lawyer in the public and private sectors, with positions in Melbourne, London, New York, Bangkok, and now Nairobi. Prior to working with UNEP, Andy held positions at the United Nations Development Programme, and in leading international law firms (Linklaters and Freehills).

Andy has a Master of Laws (Environmental Law and Policy) with Distinction from University College London, and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and a Bachelor of Business (Management) from the University of Queensland.

MS. MIRIAM GOTSIRIDZE

Principal Research Fellow, Singapore International Dispute Resolution Academy



Mariam Gotsiridze is a lawyer specializing in international dispute settlement. Prior to joining SIDRA, Mariam worked for the government of Georgia. For 10 years (2012-2022) she was a Head of Department in the Ministry of Justice in charge of state representation in international arbitration. Mariam has been involved in major investment and commercial arbitration matters before ICSID, ICC, SCC arbitrations, as well as before ad hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL rules. She has negotiated number of Bilateral Investment Treaties and Free Trade Agreements on behalf of Georgia. Mariam was the Head of Delegation for Georgia in UNCITRAL Working Group III, in ICSID Rule amendment process and in Modernization of the Energy Charter Treaty. Mariam has contributed to legislative reforms and other developments in arbitration and mediation in Georgia. She is also an accredited Level 1 mediator with the Singapore International Mediation Institute.

PROF. EESHAN CHATURVEDI

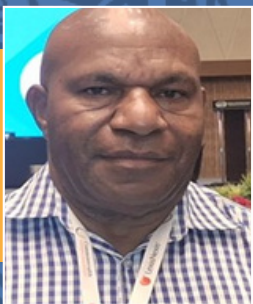
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He is the Founder-Director of the Environmental Consultancy Firm 'EnviPol', Co-Director of the Global Policy, Diplomacy, and Sustainability (GPODS) Fellowship (g pods.org), Assistant Dean at the Jindal School of Environment and Sustainability, India (sabbatical), and also Member of prestigious global organizations such as the World Commission on Environmental Law; International Association for Water Law, Rome; Global Network for Human Rights and Environment, and LAWASIA. He holds a Masters in Environmental Law and Policy from Stanford Law School. Eeshan is currently on a sabbatical from teaching to pursue an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Climate law, policy and finance at Stanford University.

MR. POLE KALE

Policy, Planning and Governance Advisor
USAID-Papua New Guinea Sustainable Landscapes program



Pole Kale is a Policy, Planning and Governance Advisor with the USAID-Papua New Guinea Sustainable Landscapes program. Pole is a forest ecologist and an environmental governance expert with wide professional experiences working in various sectors including the public and private sectors, the civil society organizations, and development partners. Pole holds a Master of Forestry from Yale University in the United States of America, and a Master of Environmental Law from Macquarie University Law School, Australia including a Graduate Diploma in Applied Science from Lincoln University, New Zealand and a Diploma of Forestry from the then Papua New Guinea Forestry College in Bulolo, Morobe province.

MR. SAID Z Aidansyah

Papua New Guinea Country Director, ADB,
Papua New Guinea



An Indonesian national, is the Country Director for Papua New Guinea at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) since 1 August 2023. In this position, he leads ADB's entire operations in Papua New Guinea including managing ADB's relationship with the government and stakeholders including the private sector and NGO as well as oversee the implementation of ADB's Country Partnership Strategy with the government. Prior to this, he was the ADB Deputy Country Director for Indonesia from November 2018. Before that he was in ADB's Office of the General Counsel and held increasing levels of responsibilities until Principal Counsel. He joined ADB under the prestigious Young Professional Program in 2002. Before joining ADB, Mr. Zaidansyah was a lawyer with Baker & McKenzie. Mr. Zaidansyah graduated with LL.M from Queen Mary College of University of London under British Chevening scholarship, and LL.B from University of Indonesia.

HON. JUSTICE VERGIL NAROKOBI

Judge, Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea



Vergil Los Narokobi, is a National Court and Supreme Court judge of Papua New Guinea. He was appointed in 2020. Prior to his appointment he was Legal Counsel at the Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea and President of the Papua New Guinea Law Society. Justice Narokobi is the resident National Court Judge in Madang, and occasionally hears appeals in the Supreme Court. Justice Narokobi is a recent fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute, based in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (2024).

MS. EVELYN WOHUINANGU

Principal Lawyer of the Centre for Environmental and Community Rights (CELCOR), Papua New Guinea



Evelyn Wohuinangu is the Principal Lawyer of the Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR). In this role, Evelyn provides legal representation and advice to customary landowners and resource owners, NGOs and community groups in defense of community based property rights and the environment. She also contributes to the development of national policies relevant to environmental protection, sustainable natural resource development, biodiversity conservation and the protection and promotion of community based property rights. Prior to CELCOR, Evelyn was a Principal Solicitor at the Papua New Guinea Development Law Association, and a Principal Legal Officer at the Papua New Guinea Office of the Public Solicitor.

DR. ANTONIO BERLANGA

Police Inspector, Valencia Police, Spain



Doctor in Didactics of Social and Legal Sciences, Excellent Cum Laude qualification. Thesis “Police Mediation: Curriculum Design, Training and Good Practices in Alternative Methods of Conflict Resolution and Emotional Management.”

Graduate in Criminology and Social Work from the University of Valencia. (Spain). Specialization in Criminal Mediation and Restorative Justice from the University of Valencia (Spain).

Police Inspector in Valencia (Spain) Police Mediation Coordinator and security analyst. Trainer in community policing and police mediation programs in Police Academies. Trainer at universities, research centers as well as speaker at international conferences.



MS. VISAKA DHARMADASA

Chairperson Association of War Affected Women, Sri Lanka

She founded and chairs the Association of War Affected Women and Parents of Servicemen Missing in Action. The association engages in peace building dialogues between conflict-affected women from different ethnicities in Sri Lanka.

Visaka is a director on the board of the National Peace Council and vice-chairperson of People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL) in Sri Lanka.

A global voice for women's inclusion in peace processes, Visaka was nominated for the collective Nobel Peace Prize in 2005 as part of the 1000 Peace Women Across the Globe. She received the prestigious 2006 Humanitarian award by Inter Action of Washington DC – an NGO consortium comprises of 160 nongovernmental organizations.

Visaka educates soldiers and community leaders about international standards of conduct in conflict, specifically on the treatment of war prisoners. She also conducts trainings on UN resolution 1325 which calls for the inclusion of women at all levels of peace building and decision making, and trains women to run for political office and power sharing mechanisms. She is a member of several peace building networks, including Women Waging Peace, Women's Alliance for Security Leadership (WASL), the expert pool of Resolution to Act for UNSCR 1325, and the Global Network of Women Peace builders.

Visaka holds a degree in negotiations and mediation skills and in women, peace and security from Harvard University.



DR. PAUL GIBSON

Principal, Gibson ADR and Executive Director of the Centre for Conflict Management, Australia

Dr. Paul Gibson is the principal of Gibson ADR - a firm which specializes in:

- **Mediation, conciliation, facilitation and complex dispute resolution (multi-party & high conflict),**
- **Education and training in mediation, negotiation, facilitation and conciliation, and**
- **The design and implementation of conflict management systems within organizations.**

Paul is also the Executive Director of the Centre for Conflict Management (based in Sydney, Australia).

He has special expertise in multi-party conflict and resolving complex stakeholder disagreements & disputes (including Community Dialogue). He is capable of applying a full range of ADR techniques and processes – facilitation, conciliation, mediation, neutral evaluation, arbitration and hybrid techniques.

Over his career, Paul has worked across a diverse range of businesses and industry sectors, and has consulted to large corporations in Australia and overseas. Paul has worked with international organisations and governments in South East Asia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Europe and USA.

His clients include large corporates, SMEs, government agencies and statutory bodies; he has also worked successfully with “uniformed” cultures of the military, police and prison services. He is skilled and practiced in working with Boards, JV Partnerships, CEOs, senior executives, management teams, work groups, unions and in situations involving significant turmoil and conflict.

Paul Gibson has been a full-time professional mediator since 2006. Prior to that he had 25 years of dispute resolution using facilitation, negotiation and conciliation techniques. He combines 40 years of management, consulting, training and dispute resolution experience, with current international knowledge and specialist training.



HON. JUSTICE COLIN MAKAIL

Judge, Supreme and National Courts of PNG,
and Court of Appeal, Nauru

Justice Colin Makail is a Judge of the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea. He is from Papua New Guinea and married with three children and a Christian by faith.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Papua New Guinea in 1993 and admitted to the Bar in November 1994. In 1995, he commenced practice as a Legal Officer in the Office of the Solicitor-General, Department of Justice and Attorney-General. He represented the Independent State of Papua New Guinea in numerous civil claims brought by and against the State during his term as counsel in the Office of the Solicitor-General. In early 1999, he was seconded to the Australian law firm of Mallesons Stephen Jacques at its Sydney office for three months in commercial law, contract law and banking and finance law practice. From late 1999 to 2002, he was Associate in the local law firm of Murray & Associates Lawyers, specializing in civil and commercial litigation. From 2003 to 2007 he was Senior Associate in the commercial law firm of O'Briens Lawyers in its litigation practice in Port Moresby.

In 2008, he was appointed an Acting Judge of the National Court and served for one year at Mt Hagen National Court in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. In 2009, he was made a permanent Judge of the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea. He served as one of the resident judges at Mt Hagen National Court until 2013 when he returned to Port Moresby. He was formerly the Judge Administrator of Election Petitions and currently the Judge Administrator of State Claims Court in the National Court. He has sat on numerous appeals, reviews and constitutional references in the Supreme Court. His is a passionate advocate of effective case management and trial advocacy.



MR. CRAIG JONES

Director, RREDD, Mediator and trainer, Papua New Guinea and Australia

Craig is a nationally accredited mediator in Australia and PNG, who has over 30 years' experience working with Indigenous communities to progress development. His mediation work is focused on the complex matters, matters involving violence and matters involving Indigenous peoples.

Craig understands the complexities of negotiating outcomes in tense environments. He is a director of the consultancy firm RREDD. Craig leads RREDD engagement with clients in the belief that development can be for the benefit of all parties and risk (external and internal) when identified and acknowledged can be managed. He also the chair of the start-up firm Credence Well Services. This company although for profit is also for impact. Its impact goal is to deliver 100% Indigenous field staff in increasing sustainability in the oil and gas sector. Additionally, Craig is the volunteer CEO of Gandhi Salt March Ltd, a charity focused on building peace in the world based on Gandhi philosophy.

Craig has leadership experience in the resources, government and academic sectors. He has long term experience in engaging with communities.



MR. NICOLAS MIROU

Deputy Executive Director, PNGCJE, Papua New Guinea

Mr. Mirou is a lawyer by profession and has over 30 years of experience, practicing law both in PNG and abroad in the Pacific Islands region, where he has spent time in Vanuatu and Solomon Islands in various capacity building roles.

Mr. Mirou started his career in 1986 at the National Court, working in the registry office and then as a Judge's Associate to Sir Arnold Amet and late Sir Buri Kidu.

After completing studies at the Legal Training Institute, he joined the Public Prosecutors Office in 1988, where he worked as a prosecutor until 1993 where he joined the Auditor General's Office (AGO) as an in-house counsel and advisor to the Auditor General.

In 2003, Mr. Mirou was appointed Public Prosecutor of the Republic of Vanuatu, a position he held until 2005. In 2006, Mr. Mirou moved to the Solomon Islands to provide capacity building under RAMSI for the Solomon Islands Public Prosecutors Office.

He also appeared in the courts on the ethnic tension cases. Upon returning to PNG in 2008, Mr. Mirou joined the Commission of Inquiry into the Department of Finance as senior lawyer. In 2011, he was appointed as a Commissioner to the Commission of Inquiry to the Special Agriculture and Business Leases.

Mr. Mirou holds a law degree from the University of Papua New Guinea and a Masters in Commercial Law from the University of Melbourne, Australia. He also holds a Level 6 Graduate Certificate in Education (Academic Practice) attained from James Cook University, Australia, as well as various other professional qualifications.

Mr. Mirou previously worked at the UPNG School of Law as Deputy Dean (Academic) and as a senior lecturer coordinating and teaching Land Tenure Law, Land Administration and Policy (Customary Land), Legislative Drafting and Legal Aspects of International Finance and Investment Law and Major Research Paper.

He was also involved as chairman of the UPNG Disciplinary Committee, the Committee reviewing the university's Assessment and Accreditation Policy and various other UPNG Committees. He worked for a total of nine (9) years as an academic and lawyer.

Mr. Mirou underwent advocacy and mentoring training during a three-month attachment to the Victorian Bar. This comprehensive training included participation in the PILON Advanced Advocacy Training, facilitated by the New Zealand Law Society. As a result, he gained valuable insights and honed his advocacy skills.

Notably, Mr. Mirou has actively contributed to the legal community as a facilitator in the PILON advocacy training program for Pacific Island Lawyers. His expertise has been shared in both Fiji and Vanuatu. Additionally, he has extended his services to the Legal Training Institute.

Mr. Mirou was also a writer for the Grade 12 Legal Studies final examination through the University Outreach program to the Department of Education from 2016 to 2022.



**HON. CHIEF SIR GIBUMA GIBBS
SALIKA, GCL, KBE, CSM, OBE**

Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea

Sir Gibuna Gibbs Salika is currently the longest serving Judge of the Supreme and National Courts of Papua New Guinea. He had been a judge since 1989.

He was knighted on June 14th, 2014 as knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, while serving as the Deputy Chief Justice of Papua New Guinea.

He was sworn in as the Chief Justice on November 29, 2018 on a 10 year term.

Sir Salika was born on August 11, 1955, at Umniao in the South Fly district of Western province. After completing primary and secondary education in Fly River District, He attended the University of Papua New Guinea from 1975 to 1989 where he graduated with a Bachelor of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1979 and went on to work with the office of the Public Prosecutor. He was a state prosecutor for about 6 years before moving to the Ombudsman Commission as its counsel.

Sir Salika is also an elder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is married to lady Rossica and they have five children – three girls and two boys.



HON. JAMES MARAPE, MP

Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea,
Member for Tari-Pori

James Marape is a Papua New Guinean politician who is the current prime minister of Papua New Guinea since May 2019. He has been a member of the National Parliament of Papua New Guinea since July 2007, representing the electorate of Tari-Pori Open in Hela Province in the New Guinea Highlands. He has held Cabinet Posts as Minister of Education (2008–2011), Minister of Finance (2012–2019), and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2023–present). Marape entered the 2022 elections under the banner of the Pangu Party and won more seats than any other party. He was therefore entitled to form the government. His new government was elected unopposed by the new parliament.

Marape graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Papua New Guinea in 1993, and a postgraduate Honours Degree in Environmental Science in 2000.

He has a background in managerial functions. From 1994 to 1995, he was Officer in charge at the PNG Institute of Medical Research, Tari Branch. From 1996 to 1998, he was Operations Manager of GDC at the Hides Gas project. After obtaining his honours degree, he became Acting Assistant Secretary of Policy with the Department of Personnel Management from 2001 to 2006.



MR. DAVID DENNISTON

Special Counsel, Leahy Lewin Lowing Sullivan
Lawyers, Papua New Guinea

David Denniston is a Special Counsel at LLS Lawyers, Port Moresby PNG. Prior to this David consulted to PNG corporates, government and international donors and was an advisor to the Solicitor General's Office, PNG. Before this David worked for Australian top tier law firms, the NSW Crown Solicitor's Office and a Commonwealth agency. David is admitted to the National & Supreme Courts of PNG and the Supreme Courts of NSW, QLD, the ACT and the High Court of Australia.

David has a broad commercial practice which includes mergers & acquisitions, capital markets, foreign direct investment, oil & gas, mining, carbon, conservation, forestry & environment, property, development & construction, solar mini-grids, land, water, employment, fintech, tax exemptions, data protection & cybercrime, AML/CTF/sanctions, bribery & corruption, government & administrative law, disputes and international development.

David has been a CLA member since 2017 and the PNG Council Member since Jan 22. He is active in PNG and the South Pacific presenting and facilitating legal education, access to justice, building the CLA network and promoting the rule of law. As a private practitioner he is independent from government and the judiciary.



HON. JUSTICE AMBENG KANDAKASI, CBE

Deputy Chief Justice, Papua New Guinea

Justice Kandakasi was appointed Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme and National Courts of Justice of Papua New Guinea (PNG) on 13th December 2018. He was appointed a Justice of the same Courts in 2000. He is an accredited, practicing and teaching mediator. Prior to his judicial appointment, he was a partner of the firm of Young & Williams and taught law at the University of PNG.

Since 2001, he chairs the PNG Judiciary's ADR Committee overseeing the development and successful implementation of court annexed mediation, arbitration, and other forms of ADR. His Honour is actively involved in continuing legal, judicial, mediation and other forms of ADR education and training domestically and internationally. Environmental rule of law, training, and practice is one of his honour's current interests. He is assisting in establishing a specialist resources, environment and climate change track of the PNG National Court and training of judges and lawyers in environmental rule of law. His honour has attended and presented at numerous local and international conferences, workshops and trainings and published numerous papers in several areas of the law, including mediation, arbitration, and other forms of ADR and environmental rule of law apart from many judgments.

His Honour is a member and Vice President of the Asia Pacific Mediation Forum. He is a member of the governing councils of other international and regional organizations like the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment and Australian Institute of Judicial Administration. He is a member of several international working groups on various projects.



HON. JUSTICE JOHN CAREY

Judge, Supreme and National Courts of
Papua New Guinea

Justice John Carey has over 30 years' experience in the public and private sectors in the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands. John has lectured at Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica and University College of the Cayman Islands, Cayman. He is a Justice of the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea and the Judge Administrator and Board Secretary for the Papua New Guinea Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE) based in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. In this role, John is responsible for Judicial Education and Training of Judges, Magistrates, Court staff and the provision of continuing professional development opportunities for the law and justice sector in 15 countries in the Pacific Islands.

He is also a part of the Management team of the Pacific Judicial Integrity Program (PJIP) launched in March of 2022 for three years. Funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, it is being delivered in partnership by the Federal Court of Australia and Papua New Guinea's Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE). The Program collaborates with 12 Pacific Island partner nations: Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga and Vanuatu.

He is extensively involved in academic research in the area of Access to Justice. He is also a lawyer with practicing certificate in the Cayman Islands and Bahamas and admitted to Fiji as a Barrister and Solicitor. He is also qualified for admission in the Commonwealth Caribbean. He has completed the Mediation Skills Training to The National Mediator Accreditation Standards (NMAS) of Australia and is an accredited Mediator in Australia. He has written on subjects such as judicial education, gender equality, and constitutional matters in the Bahamas and Papua New Guinea.

John is a Council Member of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association and a member of the Asia-Pacific Judicial Educators Association. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute in Halifax, Canada. He is a Justice of the Peace for the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. John is a member of the Cayman Islands Legal Practitioners Association, the Bahamas Bar Association, Commonwealth Lawyers Association, Papua New Guinea Human Resource Institute, and Fellow of the Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute. He is the author of four books, Political Speeches from the Bahamas, National Discourse: Bahamian Perspective, Taxation: The Suitability of the Non-Direct Tax Regime for the Cayman Islands and Political Discourses.



MR. ANDREW KWIMBERI

Lawyer & Accredited Mediator, Papua New Guinea

Andrew Kwimberi commenced his career as a lawyer in 1995 with NJSS as a Legal Officer and moved into private practice in the same year and remained practicing as a litigation lawyer until his retirement in 2015. He closed his law practice to commit his time to his other interests in the NGO and Christian Mission world but continued to serve on the ADR Committee. He practiced under Kwimberi Lawyers until 2015 and during those years he has contributed to the development of PNG Jurisprudence in several judgements he researched and argued that were published both in National and Supreme Courts in PNG. Mr. Kwimberi is one of the original pioneer members of the ADR Committee since its inception in 2001 and has been part of the development of ADR in PNG and continues to serve on the Committee. He attained his Full Accreditation in 2014 and since then has been practicing mediation and eventually went on to establish and run a full-time Mediation Practice under an entity called Pacific Dispute Resolution Services PNG Limited, and practices under the brand name Mediation Pacific. He is also a trainer and coach in the Basic Mediation Skills Training Course run by the PNG Judiciary through PNGCJE.

Since the covid-19 pandemic, Andrew stepped up to take charge of the BMST in PNG and has been running the training together with the Australian based training organization that provides mediation training and accreditation, since 2022. Andrew says, "it has been a pleasure serving in this role and working together with the Deputy Chief Justice (the chair of ADR Committee) and the Judges. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with these wonderful, humble, inspirational and dedicated members of the bench, the Chief Magistrates and his team, as well as some of our PAMs ad FAMs to impart basic knowledge and skills to the trainees in the BMSTs we have delivered recently. It has also been a pleasure working with Craig Jones and his team from Australia to deliver BMST in PNG." Andrew is grateful to the Staff of PNG Judiciary and PNG Magisterial Services for their continued support in delivering these trainings over the years. As the Basic Mediation Skills Training is now gradually beginning to grow its reach into our neighbouring Pacific countries, Andrew is keenly excited to work with the Courts of those countries to assist with training and coaching of their mediators.



HON. PROF. KARIUKI MUIGUA,

Ph.D., FCIArb. (Chartered Arbitrator), OGW

He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya; Professor of law, University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law; Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) He served as the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Regional Trustee for Africa from 2019 to 2022.

He has on various occasions been appointed by leading arbitral institutions including the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb-Kenya), the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) among other institutions, as both as a sole arbitrator and a member of arbitral tribunals in arbitrations involving commercial disputes.

He became the first winner of the Inaugural CIArb (Kenya Branch) ADR Lifetime Achievement Award 2021. He was also the winner of the ADR Practitioner of the Year Award 2021 given by the Nairobi LSK and the ADR Publisher of the Year 2021 awarded by CIArb Kenya. He is rated by Chambers and Partners as one of the best dispute resolvers in the country. He has published in the areas of ADR and Access to Justice, Environment, and Natural Resources.



MR. MARK FENHALLS, KC

Barrister

Mark Fenhalls KC regularly appears in the most serious and complex of criminal cases from large scale Fraud and Corruption cases to Murder, Organized Crime and cases involving Serious Sexual Offences. Mark is ranked in both Chambers and Partners and The Legal 500 in the areas of Financial and General Crime.

Mark advises in investigations into companies and individuals brought by national and international regulators and law enforcement agencies. Such investigations usually focus on allegations of fraud (criminal and civil), but frequently raise issues of commercial and contract law, public and administrative law, employment law, professional regulation, and regulatory compliance (including the duties of directors, ESG law and regulation).

Since being appointed a QC in 2014, Mark has held a unique combination of elected leadership roles at the Bar of England & Wales, serving as Chair of the Criminal Bar Association (2015-16), Leader of the South Eastern Circuit (2019-20), and in 2022 as Chair of the Bar of England and Wales.

These positions have given him extensive experience in dealing with government, politicians, press, and the full range of governance challenges faced by the Criminal and Civil Justice systems. He has worked closely with the senior Judiciary, state bodies and officials on a variety of projects and committees addressing capacity, sustainability and efficiency in the Justice System. In recent years this work has focused on mitigating the effects of the pandemic and assisting with “post-Covid” recovery. In April 2023 he qualified as a commercial mediator with ADR ODR International.



DR. RAJESH SHARMA

Associate Professor, Director IDRRMI-RMIT Dispute Resolution Centre, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia

Dr. Rajesh Sharma is an Associate Professor of Legal and Dispute Studies at RMIT University, Melbourne. He is the Director of IDRRMI-RMIT Dispute Resolution Centre, an Adjunct Professor at Academy of International Dispute Resolution and Professional Negotiation (AIDRN) and the Program Director Graduate Certificate in Dispute Resolution, at RMIT.

Currently, Dr. Sharma is a Project Member on Japanese government funded project “Building Climate Change Governance through Multistakeholder Cooperation: The Case of Low-Carbon Hydrogen Projects”.

Dr. Sharma has given training and taught courses on arbitration, mediation, negotiation, foreign investment arbitration, WTO Law, international trade, banking law, foreign investment in several countries. He is a core member (representing Australia) on the Committee for the Establishment of the Centre of Excellence for Dispute Resolution for Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

Dr. Sharma is a Member of the ISDS Academic Forum, an elected Associate Member of Academy of Comparative Law and a member (representing Australia) of the ICC Task Force on Disability Inclusion in the International Commercial Arbitration.

Dr. Sharma is serving as a founding member of the Steering Committee for the ICC-Asia-Pacific Mediation Competition in Australia. Dr. Sharma is panel arbitrator and mediator in China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, and Korea. Dr. Sharma is the first Indian to hold PhD in Law from China. He holds PhD from the Chinese University of Political Science and Law, Beijing. He has published a book with Wolters Kluwer titled “Dispute Settlement Mechanism in the FTAs of Asia”. Dr. Sharma is the Winner of the ADR Teacher Award 2022 and 2024 in Australia.



HON. JUSTICE DEREK WOOD

Judge, Supreme and National Courts of
Papua New Guinea

Justice Wood was appointed as a Judge of the National Court and Supreme Court in December 2023 in Papua New Guinea. He was previously a partner with Ashurst Lawyers in Port Moresby, having arrived in PNG in 2004. Whilst at Ashurst, Justice Wood practiced in a number of areas, including commercial litigation, employment law, and defamation law and mining law. Prior to working in PNG, Justice Wood was a solicitor with Blake Dawson Waldron (now known as Ashurst) in Melbourne.

Justice Wood is an accredited mediator in PNG and has conducted mediations across a broad spectrum of matters in National Court disputes. He is a member of the National Court's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, which committee was responsible for the drafting of the first ADR Rules, which were introduced into the National Court in early 2010. The ADR Rules provide the mechanism for the referral of National Court disputes to mediation. Justice Wood is the Judge Administrator of the newly formed Resources, Environment and Climate Change Track within the National Court.



DR. SERGE LOODE

Director, Peace and Conflict Studies Institute
Australia, Australia

Dr Serge Loode combines academic teaching and research experience with a deep understanding of conflict resolution and peacebuilding practice. Originally from Germany, Serge worked as a civil law lawyer before developing his conflict resolution and peacebuilding practice. At university Serge teaches academic courses in Mediation, Negotiation and Theories of Conflict Resolution. He is also a mediator with the South Queensland Dispute Resolution Centre at the Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

Serge is a highly experienced facilitator, conflict coach, conflict resolution trainer and assessor, as well as a nationally accredited mediator under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS). Serge conducts workshops for understanding conflict, negotiation & mediation skills, group facilitation, intercultural conflict resolution and leadership and teamwork. He also facilitates dialogue and strategic planning workshops. He is well known for innovative and interactive teaching and training methodologies including the use of role play simulations, reflective practice, online resources and collaborative discussion boards.

Serge mediates workplace, child protection and neighbourhood disputes and designs processes for large-scale community conflicts. He has worked with a variety of clients, including local and state government, police, military, businesses, primary and secondary schools and community groups. In 2013 he facilitated an 8-months dialogue and planning process involving Australian South Sea Islanders and Aboriginal and Settler Peoples of Scenic Rim in South East Queensland which led to the 2013 commemoration of the arrival of the first South Sea Islanders on plantations in Queensland. Internationally Serge has worked on conflict resolution, peacebuilding and development issues with people from the Philippines, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Bhutan, Thailand, Myanmar, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Kenya and South Sudan. Since 2017 he has led PaCSIA's work in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea which has supported the internationally recognised referendum on Bougainville's future political status of 2019, and which has reached over 75,000 Bougainvilleans through the use of facilitated public dialogue.



HON. JUSTICE JOSEPH M. YAGI

Judge, Supreme and National Courts of
Papua New Guinea

Justice Joseph Yagi is a Judge of the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea. He has to date served the PNG Judiciary for 16 years.

He was born on 27 July 1957 and comes from the Central Sepik area in the East Sepik Province of Papua New Guinea. He completed senior high school education in 1975 and enrolled at the School of Law at the University of Papua New Guinea graduating with a Bachelor of Laws degree in February 1980.

Following completion of the practical legal training course he was admitted to the Bar to practice as a lawyer in November 1980. He commenced employment at the end of 1980 with the Office of the Public Solicitor working in the Civil Litigation Division and left after serving that Office for about 8 years. Except for a brief period, he worked as a lawyer in private practice until June 2008 when he was called to the Bench. Between 1998 and 2000 he served as the Principal Legal Officer for the PNG Telecommunications Authority (now NICTA).

In November 2010 he successfully completed a Basic Mediation Theory & Skills Training course and was awarded a Mediation Certificate under the Australian National Mediator Standards.

Presently, he is the Judge Administrator for the Election Petition Track and is based in Port Moresby.



HON. JUSTICE TERESA BERRIGAN

Judge, Supreme and National Courts of
Papua New Guinea

Justice Berrigan was appointed to the National and Supreme Courts of Papua New Guinea in 2018. She is the Judge Administrator of the National Court Crimes Fraud and Corruption Track. Justice Berrigan is an educator with the Pacific and PNG Centres for Judicial Excellence. She serves on several judicial committees including the Judges Rules Committee and the Law Reporting Council.

Justice Berrigan was admitted to practice in Australia in 1996 after completing articles in Singapore, following which she worked in private practice before specializing in criminal and related law, including as Specialist Federal Prosecutor in charge of fraud, insider trading and other white collar crimes at the Sydney Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, Senior State Prosecutor with the Office of the Public Prosecutor in Papua New Guinea, and advisor to the Office of Legal Counsel and Leadership Division of the PNG Ombudsman Commission. Justice Berrigan was a trial advocate and legal advisor to the Prosecutor of the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda before being appointed to the United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals where she oversaw the legal work of the Office of the Prosecutor in Arusha.

Justice Berrigan was a Deputy and then the Team Leader of the Papua New Guinea and Australia Justice Services & Stability for Development Program, a sector-led program to strengthen law and order and improve access to justice. She is a member of the PNG Judicial Women's Association.



MR. SIMON GRANT

Judicial Registrar for the Federal Court,
Brisbane, Australia

Simon Grant was a property and commercial lawyer for a number of years prior to commencing practice as a native title and cultural heritage lawyer with Crown Law (Queensland) in 2011.

Simon was appointed a Judicial Registrar – Native Title with the Federal Court in 2018. In this role, Simon works exclusively in the Court's native title national practice area.

Simon conducts mediations and undertakes case management activities primarily in matters in Queensland, particularly matters in the Torres Strait and Northern Cape Region, and in New South Wales.

Simon is a nationally accredited mediator and holds qualifications in mediation from Bond University and Harvard Law School.

MS. BARBARA TANNE

President, Bougainville Women's Federation, Papua New Guinea



Barbara Tanne is currently, a consultant with Conciliation Resources and has 18 years hands-on of experience working with the women, girls and the communities in Peace Building, Leadership and Mentoring. Barbara's work is made possible through working with the Civil Society Organisations and the government of Bougainville. Her greatest accomplishments have been the empowerment and mentoring of women and girls in leadership and conducting peacebuilding dialogues and mediation in the lead up to the referendum.

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