



The Hon. Wayne Martin AC KC*

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The Honourable Wayne Martin AC KC was Chief Justice of Western Australia between 2006 and his retirement from the bench in July 2018. Prior to his appointment, he practised at the Western Australian Bar in the field of commercial litigation, mainly involving disputes in the mining, energy, resources, construction and financial sectors. His practice included international and domestic arbitration. As Chief Justice, he created and managed the Arbitration List of the Supreme Court of Western Australia and he has published many decisions in that field (and others).

Before taking judicial office, he held a number of elected positions such as president of the Western Australian Bar Association, chairman of the Law Reform Commission, president of the Law Society and Director of the Law Council of Australia. In 2012, he was appointed as a Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia for his eminent service to the judiciary and the state's legal system.

He is a qualified and experienced mediator and at 39 Essex Chambers is taking appointments as an international arbitrator and mediator.

He serves as a part time judge of the courts of the Dubai International Financial Centre at first instance and on appeal. He is also a member of the National Sports Tribunal (Australia).

Areas of expertise

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Commercial Arbitration

Mediation

Commercial Arbitration

Wayne has appeared extensively in domestic and international commercial arbitration in the fields of:

- Building and construction
- Major civil engineering works
- Resource pricing and long-term supply contracts (iron ore, gas and tantalum)
- Disputes relating to mine development and management
- Ship building

Some of these cases occupied months of hearing and involved very substantial amounts in issue.

Since leaving the bench, Wayne has been appointed as presiding arbitrator, party appointed arbitrator and sole arbitrator in a variety of international and domestic commercial arbitrations seated in a number of different countries and involving a range of commercial fields.

Wayne has been appointed as a Grade 1 Arbitrator by the Resolution Institute of Australia, and has been appointed as a panel member of the:

- Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre
- Asian International Arbitration Centre (Kuala Lumpur).

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