

# The Honourable Colin Forrest SC

## Barrister, Family Law Chambers

The Hon. Colin Forrest SC graduated in Arts and Law from UNSW in 1986.

In 1987, he worked as Legal Associate to the Hon. Justice Michael Kirby, the then President of the NSW Court of Appeal and he was admitted to the NSW Bar.

In 1988, he moved to Brisbane where he worked as a solicitor in a city litigation practice, before going to the Bar there in 1990. He built up a practice specializing in family law, equity and succession law over the next 20 years. In those years he served as a part-time member of the Commonwealth's Social Security Appeals Tribunal, the Qld Anti-Discrimination Tribunal and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal. He was also Queensland Public Interest Monitor under the Police Powers and Responsibilities legislation, President of the Family Law Practitioners' Association of Queensland and Queensland Bar Representative on the Queensland Law Society's Family Law Specialist Accreditation Committee.

He took silk in 2010 and in 2011 was appointed to the trial division, Brisbane Registry of the Family Court. He served in that capacity for 10 years, writing over 500 judgments and also serving on the Chief Justice's Policy Advisory Committee and the Joint Courts' Children's Committee.

In 2021, he resigned his judicial commission and returned to practice at the Bar with chambers in Sydney and Brisbane. As well as providing advice to solicitors and their clients, he provides mediation and arbitration services.

He is on the Board of Directors of the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators (AIFLAM) and on the Council of the Queensland Chapter of the Australian Institute of International Affairs.

He is almost two-thirds of the way towards completing a Master's Degree in International Relations at the University of Queensland.



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