

Capability Statement

Experience that brings perspective.

After more than four decades practising family law, I now focus exclusively on mediation and dispute resolution, helping legal practitioners and their clients resolve financial matters.

Having worked in private practice, and within the Family Court and as a mediator, I bring a balanced perspective that combines legal expertise with a practical understanding of dispute resolution. My objective is to provide an impartial, structured and respectful mediation process that supports practical, enduring outcomes.

Experience & Credentials

- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW 1985
- Over 40 years practising predominantly in Family Law
- Accredited Specialist in Family Law since 1993
- Former Partner, Watson Stafford 1986-2009
- Former Partner & Principal, Matthews Folbigg 2009- 2026
- Former Deputy Registrar, Family Court 2000 & 2017
- Former Independent Children's Lawyer
- Former Legal Aid Commission Mediator
- Member of the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators 20 September 1994
- Member, Law Society of NSW Specialist Accreditation Assessment Committee since 2020

Court Perspective

Having worked as a Deputy Registrar of the Family Court, I understand the judicial process and the practical realities of litigation. That experience informs a mediation approach focused on assisting parties explore realistic, workable outcomes.

Specialist Expertise

Having maintained Specialist Accreditation in Family Law for more than three decades, I bring extensive legal knowledge and practical experience across financial matters.

Practical Resolution

More than four decades acting for clients has reinforced the importance of practical, durable agreements that minimize conflict and provide certainty for families moving forward.

Professional Confidence

Throughout my career I have mentored family lawyers, assessed candidates seeking Specialist Accreditation from the Law Society of NSW in family law. I contributed to community legal services by volunteering at the Liverpool Legal Centre and the Western Sydney Community Legal Centre. These experiences reflect my longstanding commitment to the profession.

Approach to Mediation

I believe successful mediation is not simply about reaching agreement.

It is about creating an environment where parties feel heard, legal issues are understood and practical solutions can be explored with confidence.

Drawing upon my years of family law experience, my role is to assist parties and their legal representatives navigate difficult conversations with professionalism, impartiality and respect.

Discuss a Mediation

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