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COURSES

Program of DRC Courses

2012 Schedule ([click here](#))

Gold Coast courses (click on course to download brochure)

- [Family Dispute Resolution](#): 2-6 May - Bond University
- Advanced Legal and Commercial Strategies: 11 May - Bond University
- [Conflict in Schools](#): 17 May - Bond University
- [Assessment Course](#): 8-9 June - Bond University
- [Basic Mediation Course](#): 26-29 July - Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise
- [Family Dispute Resolution](#): 22-26 August - Bond University
- Advanced Legal and Commercial Strategies: 7 September - Bond University
- [Assessment Course](#): 5-6 October - Bond University
- [Family Property Law](#) - An Outline for Mediators and Others: 12 October - Bond University
- Basic Mediation Course: 29 Nov-2 December - Marriott Surfers Paradise

Melbourne courses (in conjunction with Leo Cussen Institute)

Registration: www.leocussen.vic.edu.au/cb_pages/event_list.php

- Basic Mediation Course: 9-12 May (Laurence Boulle & Libby Taylor)
- Basic Mediation Course: 18-21 October (John Wade & David Bryson)
- Assessment Course: 9-10 November

The year has begun with an Assessment course offered in February and a Basic course in March. Both courses were very successful, with many attendees keen register in the upcoming FDR course in May. The May FDR course will be led by Mieke Brandon and Linda Kochanski and is proving very popular.



DRC CO-DIRECTORS

Future Directions

Members of the centre met in the hinterland on 20 January to discuss the future direction of DRC. It was announced that Libby Taylor and Linda Kochanski would act as co-directors in 2012, with Laurence Boulle and John Wade as Directors of Research and of International Teaching respectively, still being associated with the centre. A presentation was made to John Wade to mark the end of his directorship for the past 14 years.



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JUDGE-IN-RESIDENCE

Dr Tom Altobelli started practising family law in 1984 and is now widely regarded as a leading expert in the field. Prior to his appointment to the Federal Magistrates Court in 2006, he was Special Counsel to Watts McCray and also Associate Professor in the School of Law at the University of Western Sydney. His books on family law are widely used by family lawyers and students of family law across Australia. Along with other commitments, Federal Magistrate Altobelli joined in Law Faculty classes; presented an evening lecture on "Children, parents and family lawyers - what makes them resilient?"; and participated in a DRC Basic Mediation Course. He inspired many Bond students, visiting lawyers and mediators!

PUBLICATION

Mediation Skills and Techniques, Laurence Boulle & Nadja Alexander, 2nd ed (Lexis Nexis, 2012) is now available. [Click here](#)

USEFUL WEBSITE

[Australian Mediation Association](#)

Publications (ADR Bulletin)

"Conversational Navigation in the Workplace: Where are the Street Signs" by Bianca Keys of the Accord Group, Sydney - [Click to download file.](#)

"Judicial Decision-Making in Australia - Critique and Redemption" by John Wade, Bond University - [Click to download file.](#)

**RECENT ACTIVITIES OF STAFF****Staff Activities****JOHN WADE**

2011	Has written a paper on 'Family Property Reform in British Columbia - the Rule of Discretion and the Discretion of Rules' while visiting UBC in Vancouver.
2012	Has written a paper on 'The Perils of Pre-nuptial Agreements in Australia'. It has been presented at two gatherings of family lawyers - at Hoppgood Ganim in Brisbane, and at Jones Mitchell on the Gold Coast. Current version attached - Click to download file.
16-17 Feb	2-day workshop in Canberra for Comcare on managing conflict and negotiation. This followed similar workshops in Canberra and Sydney for the Australian Taxation Office.
15-18 March	4-day Basic Mediation Course, Sofitel Broadbeach (in conjunction with Robyn Hooworth).

LAURENCE BOULLE

2012	Chairman, Mediator Standards Board
23 March	Attended meeting of the Law Council of Australia ADR Committee at Clayton Utz, Sydney

BOBETTE WOLSKI

2011	'ADR Ethics: Regulating Disclosure in Mediation' in Sylvia Mercado Kierkegaard (ed), <i>Law Across Nations: Governance, Policy and Statutes</i> (Int Assoc of IT Lawyers) 614-627.
2012	'ADR Ethics: <i>Regulating Disclosure in Mediation</i> , 5 International Journal of Private Law (in press).
2012	Awarded PhD in Law at graduation ceremony on 11 February.

LINDA KOCHANSKI

2012	Appointed to Editorial Board of Family Law Review
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