

WIPO LIST OF NEUTRALS

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

The Hon. Neil BROWN, K.C.
Greens List Barrister
Owen Dixon Chambers West
Melbourne, VIC
Australia



Nationality: Australian/ British

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Tutor in Law, International House and Ormond College, University of Melbourne, 1963-68;
Bachelor of Laws, University of Melbourne, 1963;

Fellow, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2006;
Chartered Arbitrator, 2006.

Awarded the Centenary Medal by the Commonwealth of Australia, 2003.

Admitted to practice, Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, 1964;
Appointed as Queen's Counsel, 1980.

LANGUAGES

English

PRESENT POSITION

Arbitrator and Mediator.
Barrister and solicitor, since 1964.
Queen's Counsel, since 1980.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE BEFORE PRESENT POSITION

Member of Federal Parliament; Commonwealth of Australia, 1969-91;
 Shadow Minister for Communications, 1990-91;
 Shadow Attorney-General, 1988-90;
 Shadow Minister for Justice, 1988-90;
 Shadow Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, 1985-87;
 Deputy Leader of the Opposition, 1985-87;
 Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs, 1985-87;
 Minister for Business and Consumer Affairs, Australian Government, 1982;
 Minister for Communications and Minister Assisting the Attorney-General, 1982-83;
 Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs, 1981-82;

Delegate to the General Assembly of the United Nations, 1976.

Resident Tutor in Law, International House and Ormond College, University of Melbourne, 1963-68.

As a Member of Parliament:

- Representation of constituents' problems;
- Extensive variety of committee work including tariffs, pharmaceutical benefits and international relations.
- Contributions to Parliamentary debates, committee work and report writing.

As a Minister:

- Responsible for the administration of Departments;
- Cabinet and Cabinet Committee meetings;
- Considering the effect of proposed legislation;
- Advising the Government on its legal rights and duties;
- Representing Australia at overseas conferences;
- Representing the Government in its relations with industry, statutory corporations and commissions and other organizations and bodies.

As a Shadow Minister;

- Meetings of Shadow Cabinet and its committees;
- Considering, drafting and proposing amendments to legislation;
- Negotiation with industry and consumer organizations;
- Drafting Policies.

International Experience:

Australian Institute of International Affairs
 Study and travel Grant for a study of the Indian Ocean region.

Represented Australia as a Minister at a meeting of Labour

- Ministers at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) – Paris;
- South Pacific Labour Ministers' Conference – Kiribati;
- Leader of Australia National Observer Group observing independence elections in Zimbabwe;
- Member of Australian delegation to independence celebrations – Zimbabwe;
- Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference - Guatemala;
- International Conference on issues in the Asian Region – South Korea;
- Bilderberg Group Meeting – Belgium;
- Numerous parliamentary delegations and private study visits to Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intellectual property – copyright generally; copyright, photographs, passing off claims.

Arbitration—commercial, building and construction; telecommunications; government relations, contractual matters; town planning.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member, Panel of Conciliators at the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes, (ICSID), Washington;
 U.S.A. Chartered Institute of Arbitrators;
 The Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia.

EXPERIENCE IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Since 1964, has acted as counsel in a wide range of matters concerning designs, plans photographs, copyright, trade marks and passing off claims.

EXPERIENCE WITH RESPECT TO DOMAIN NAMES

Familiar with the law, practice, procedure and claims relating to domain names.

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

'On The Other Hand – Sketches and Reflections from Political Life', The Poplar Press, (1993), Article 'Arbitration and Mediation in China' in Proctor (Journal of the Queensland Law Society), July 2004.

Numerous newspaper articles.

EXPERIENCE IN COURT LITIGATION

Extensive experience since 1964 in over 500 cases in all types of litigation, particularly in commercial, industrial and employment, building and construction and property matters in Australia. Has appeared in The High Court of Australia, The Federal Court of Australia and all State Courts.

EXPERIENCE IN MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

Has taken part in Australia in mediation, arbitration and virtually every type of Alternative Dispute Resolution. Has had an active practice that has involved working in and acquiring an understanding of many A.D.R. structures and their methods of operation. This experience includes:

- Appearing in town planning matters;
- Sitting as a member of town planning appeals panels;
- Appeared in proceedings before: the Industrial Relations Commission and the former Conciliation and Arbitration Commission; Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal and private mediations and arbitrations.

Has presided as a mediator over mediations in the Supreme Court of Victoria; has been involved as a lawyer representing parties in mediation proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria and the County Court of Victoria; and has conducted private arbitrations and mediations.

These matters have been in the fields of building and construction, town planning and contracts.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN ARBITRATION AND MEDIATION

Appointed Fellow, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2006;
 Appointed Chartered Arbitrator, 2006;
 Successfully undertaken courses in arbitration and mediation at The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators, Australia;
 Associate Member of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators;
 Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation and Conciliation of the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators, Australia;

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Accredited Mediator with the Victorian Bar Dispute Resolution Scheme.

ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY TABLE

Type	Administering Institution		Role			
	Name	Number of Arbitrations	Presiding Arbitrator	Sole Arbitrator	Co-arbitrator	Counsel
International Arbitrations						
Number of cases: sub-total						
Domestic Arbitrations	Ad hoc	10		10		5
Number of cases: sub-total		10				
TOTAL		10		10		5