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## **Our Mediator**

#### Sarah Cleeland

PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Sarah is a highly experienced and well-respected Senior Family Lawyer, Nationally Accredited Mediator, Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Circle of Security Parenting Facilitator, Parenting Coordinator and Independent Children's Lawyer.

Sarah has over 25 years' experience practising in Family Law and is the Principal of the Family Law Firm, Sarah Cleeland Family Lawyers.

Sarah is also the Founder and Principal of the Mediation practice Sarah Cleeland Mediations. Sarah offers services as a mediator of family law disputes in property settlements, child support disputes and parenting disputes.

Sarah continues to practice as an Independent Children's Lawyer representing the interests



of children both in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and in the Child Protection system.

Sarah is trained as Circle of Security Parenting Facilitator and Parenting Coordinator. Sarah has now extended her practice to offer services to parents as a Parenting Coordinator.

## Qualifications & Accreditations:

- Bachelor of Laws and Commerce (Honours), 1996
- Admission as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of Queensland, 1999
- National Accreditation as a Mediator Queensland Law Society, 2003
- · National Approval as an Independent Children's Lawyer (Legal Aid Queensland), 2003
- Admission as a solicitor to the High Court of Australia, 2005
- Child Protection approval as a Separate Representative (LAQ) 2005
- Completion of Masters Advanced Training Collaborative Lawyer Training, 2007
- · Successful completion and qualification as a Principal to operate a Law Firm 2010
- Approval as a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (Attorney General Queensland), 2016
- Board Member of the Child Protection Practitioners Association 2019
- Approval as a Domestic Violence Duty Lawyer 2019
- Registration as Parenting Coordinator, 2022
- Approval Circle of Security Parenting Facilitator (Circle of Security International) 2022



## Our Mediation Assistance

From parenting matters to property disputes, there are many aspects in Family Law in which you may require a Mediator. Our Principal Solicitor, Sarah Cleeland, is a highly qualified and experienced Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP) and Nationally Accredited Mediator. We offer mediation services where Sarah is the mediator/FDRP in Family Law disputes, including:

- Property Settlements
- Parenting Disputes
- Child Support Disputes
- Child Inclusive Mediation

Aside from Sarah, our Firm also offers services where our lawyers can represent the interests of a parent in a Family Dispute Resolution Conference, Mediation, or Child Inclusive Mediation, or represent the interests of a party in property and parenting mediations.

#### Our Rooms & Travel

Our Firm offers Mediation Rooms in Sandgate, which are complimentary when Sarah is the appointed Mediator. She is also able to travel to the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Darling Downs, and Toowoomba for no extra fee.

## Our Fees

A half day mediation (4 hours) is \$2500 plus GST. A full day mediation (9:00am to 5:00pm) with lunch, tea and coffee facilities provided is \$3500 plus GST.





#### **Contact Us**

To enquire about our **Mediation Assistance** and discuss fees and availability please call or email us and we will get back to you promptly:

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