

Property Law

Friday 16 August 2024

Session 8 – 9:35am - 10:35am

Alternative dispute resolution for property matters

This session will focus on the many possible avenues for dispute resolution in property matters. This includes 7.2.3 of the Law Society Contract, Section 66 of the *Retail Leases Act 1994* (NSW), NCAT mediations regarding strata matters and Lawcover mediations where a solicitor is accused of negligence. It also includes ASBFEO mediations and arbitrations for franchise/property disputes, “genuine steps” requirements in the Federal Court, Land & Environment Court conciliation conferences, Building Management Committee expert decisions, local councils’ facilitations regarding DAs, and expert referrals in a variety of matters.

Meet the speaker

John McDermott, Principal, McDermott & Associates

John McDermott has been practising as a solicitor for more than 40 years and was the first solicitor in New South Wales to be accredited as both an Accredited Specialist in Business Law and an Accredited Specialist in Property Law by the Law Society of New South Wales. John is a highly experienced mediator and mediator and a past Chair of the Arbitration Liaison Committee. He is a member of the Australian Disputes Centre, a Fellow of the Resolution Institute and has served on the Business Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution Committees of the Law Society of New South Wales. John is often asked to act as an expert by other solicitors and is called upon by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to provide Expert Determinations from time to time. He has also served on the boards of numerous companies and has been the Chair of Catholic Health Australia and Southern Cross Care, amongst other organisations.