



Michelle Sindler

Personal Data:

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Nationality:

Australian and Czech

Presently Self-employed:

Independent arbitrator and mediator; dispute prevention and management consultant

Principal Current Areas of Practice:

International arbitration (as arbitrator and/or party counsel) – experience as arbitrator and counsel since 1995 in both common law and civil law matters

International trade law and regulation

Commercial litigation/dispute resolution; risk analysis, dispute prevention and management

Previous Professional Experience (Law):

Chief Executive Officer Australian International Disputes Centre Ltd (AIDC) in Sydney 2010 – 2013

Company Secretary AIDC 2010 - 2013

Secretary-General of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration 2010-2013

Partner at Olswang (London, UK) 2008-2009

Partner at Bär & Karrer (Zurich, Switzerland) 2002-2008; counsel at the firm (on secondment from Minter Ellison) 2000-2001

Partner at Minter Ellison (Sydney, Australia) 1990-2001

Associate at Minter Ellison in Sydney, Australia, 1985-1990

Associate (on secondment) at Gide Loyrette Nouel in Paris, France 1989-1990

Education and Qualifications:

University of Sydney, Bachelor of Arts (BA) (First Class Honours - French and Italian) 1983
University of Sydney, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) 1985
University of Sydney, Master of Laws (LLM) 1992 (major in International Business Law and International Commercial Arbitration).
Diplôme Degré Supérieur A (High Distinction) 1981 Sorbonne, Paris.
Diplôme Supérieur de Français des Affaires (Distinction), French Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Paris 1985.
Trained and qualified mediator (1994)
TESOL Cert IV - March 2015 – UNSW Global

Admitted to practice in all Australian states and territories and in England and Wales

Languages:

Fluent English, French, Italian and Czech; good German and some Spanish.

Professional Associations (memberships):

Law Society of New South Wales and Law Society of England and Wales
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR
Swiss Arbitration Association (ASA)
London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)
Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA) - Member ACICA Council
International Bar Association (IBA)
Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA)
Honorary President of AIJA - Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats (International Association of Young Lawyers) (President 2000-2001)

Member Professional Conduct Committee of the Law Society of NSW since June 2015.

Member of the ICC Task Force on "Maximizing the Probative Value of Witness Evidence"

Mediator and Judge at ICC Annual Mediation Competition in Paris 2007 – 2015 (60+participating universities from around the world); Arbitrator Vis East mooting competition 2013-2015

Speaker and presenter at various conferences, workshops and events in Australia and overseas, and regular author of articles and commentaries – details available on request.

Interests and Hobbies:

Sailing, reading, food and wine, theatre, film, travel, bushwalking

Summary:

Michelle is an independent arbitrator working in Australia, the Asia-Pacific and in Europe. From 2010-2013, Michelle was the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian International Disputes Centre (now the ADC) in Sydney and also the Secretary-General of ACICA, the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Australia's only international arbitral institution. Michelle's experience and background are in commercial litigation and dispute resolution and more recently international dispute resolution, particularly international arbitration and ADR and she regularly publishes and lectures on arbitration and ADR topics, including mediation. She has over 30 years' experience in managing and arbitrating multi-jurisdictional disputes and has acted as counsel and arbitrator in international arbitrations under both common law and civil law regimes and under various arbitral rules and ad hoc in Europe, the US and Asia. She is a trained mediator and has been involved as counsel or mediator in the mediation of international disputes as well as domestic disputes in Australia. Michelle has been a partner of major commercial law firms in Australia, Switzerland and in the UK and she has also practised in France. Michelle works in English, French, Italian and Czech.