

## **Resume**

### **Frances Elizabeth Richards**

#### **Education**

Master of Laws, University of Sydney, 1992 (Environmental Law at UNSW)

Bachelor of Laws, University of New South Wales, 1987

Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting, Finance and Systems) (with Merit), University of New South Wales, 1987

Higher School Certificate, Kirrawee High School, Dux of School, 1981

#### **Professional Qualifications**

Nationally Accredited Mediator (Resolution Institute, current)

Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation (IAMA, 2014)

Practising Certificate, Law Society of NSW (current)

Accredited as a specialist in Local Government and Planning Law by the Law Society of New South Wales (1997 to 2007)

Admitted to practice as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of New South Wales (1987), the High Court of Australia (1988) and the High Court of England and Wales (1992)

## **Professional Positions and Memberships**

Mediator, Frances Richards & Associates

Adjunct Lecturer, PLT Program, The College of Law

Member, Mediation Panel, Valuation Services, Property NSW

Adjunct Lecturer, School of Law, Sydney, University of Notre Dame Australia

Member, Resolution Institute

Director and Company Secretary: FER Services Pty Ltd

## **Summary of Professional Experience**

Practised as a solicitor in the areas of commercial litigation, corporate law and commercial property law before specialising in property, environmental planning and local government law.

Property practice relating to the development and use of land, certification of building work, the recovery of compensation for the compulsory acquisition of land, appeals against the valuation of land and the remediation and development of contaminated land.

Local government practice relating to the exercise of functions by local government, including fire safety, waste management, child care, regional airports, leasing and licensing of public land, procurement of goods, services and infrastructure, the incorporation of entities such as companies limited by guarantee and co-operatives and the management of public land under the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW).

Environmental planning practice relating to compliance with environmental planning and protection controls, the exercise of local and state government authorities' regulatory functions and responsibilities, obtaining and modifying development consents for aged care facilities, mines, power generators, defending appeals against refusal of development consent, civil proceedings to enforce planning instruments, development consents and restrain unauthorised development waste facilities.