

Steven Goldstein

Barrister 1993

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Prior to coming to the Bar, Steven was a qualified Civil Engineer and Chartered Professional Engineer with 17 years of direct 'hands-on' experience in all facets of the building and construction industry. For the last 3 of those years, whilst studying law, he built a strong and successful practice as a consulting engineer where he provided expert evidence and expert advice to various parties in numerous building and construction disputes.

Since being admitted to the Bar in 1993, Steven has utilised his experience as a Civil Engineer by developing and maintaining a specialised practise in all aspects of building and construction disputes.

Due to his previous experience as a civil engineer, he is regularly appointed by the parties and/ or by the Supreme Court or by the District Court to act as Referee, Arbitrator, Expert Determiner, Dispute Avoidance Board Member, Mediator and Facilitator. He has appeared in the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, District Court, Local Court and in the New South Wales Civil & Administrative Tribunal.

Since coming to the Bar Steven's expertise, fairness, independence and knowledge of the law is highly respected by those who practise in building and construction disputes. These qualities are reflected in the ongoing flow of appointments by various nominating authorities, the parties themselves and/or by the Court.

Steven regularly conducts arbitrations, mediations and expert determinations and also acts as a member on several Dispute Avoidance Boards on a number of major infrastructure projects in New South Wales.

He is currently serving on, and/or has served on, numerous ADR committees including International President Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, NSW Bar Association ADR Committee Member, Arbitration Board of Management - University of Adelaide, NSW Chapter Chair of the Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia (now Resolution Institute).

Qualifications

Diploma of Law, 1993

Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering -University of Sydney, 1975

Fellow and Grade 1 Arbitrator - Resolution Institute

Specialisations

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Building and Construction Disputes

Committees/Memberships

Member Institute of Engineers, Australia (Current)

Chartered Professional Engineer (Current)

Member Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (Current)

International President, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (2021 - 2024)

Arbitration Board of Management, University of Adelaide (2020 - present)

Executive Board of Directors, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (2017 - 2024)

Head of Chambers, Edmund Barton Chambers (2022 - 2023)

President, Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, Region 3 (2017 - 2021)

Dispute Resolution Board Foundation, Region 3, Executive Board Member (2014 - present)

Deputy Head of Chambers, Edmund Barton Chambers (2012 - 2022)

NSW Bar Association ADR Committee, Member (2018 - 2020)

Construction and Infrastructure Law Committee Law Council of Australia, Member (2011 - 2019)

Co-Chair NSW Chapter Committee - Resolution Institute, LEADR & IAMA (2014 - 2015)

NSW Chapter Chair - Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia (2011 - 2014)

NSW Chapter Committee - Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia (2008 - 2011)

Selected Cases as Appointed Referee

Bannister & Hunter v Transition Resort Holdings (No.4) [2014] NSWSC 1081 per McDougall J

Owners Strata Plan No. 72381 v Meriton Apartments Pty Ltd [2015] NSWSC 442 per Ball J

Owners Strata Plan No.97315 v Icon Co (NSW) Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 363 per Darke J