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DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES  
BUILDING CONSENSUS

Mediation is a form of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and aims to assist two (or more) people to reach an agreement. Whether an agreement results or not, and whatever the content of that agreement, if any, the parties themselves determine it rather than accepting something imposed by a Court which they both may dislike. This flyer contains a summary of the Dispute Resolution Services I can offer.

Check my website and download my [mediation agreement](#) from [www.richardmaurice.com](http://www.richardmaurice.com)



Mediations are generally conducted in my Chambers in Castlereagh Street, Sydney. I have 3 rooms with natural light and balconies and all the usual facilities. I can travel to regional centres if necessary.

Anything said at a mediation is strictly confidential and, other than in exceptional circumstances, may not be used in Court. You may choose an Evaluative Mediation which is modelled on judges' settlement conferences. An evaluative mediator assists the parties to reach agreement by assessing what a judge would be likely to do. The mediator may make recommendations about certain issues. They evaluate the case based on legal concepts of fairness and explain the costs vs. the benefits of pursuing legal proceedings rather than settling in mediation. Although opinions expressed do not bind the parties, it usually helps when they are deadlocked on certain issues. Evaluative Mediation has been proven to be very effective in solving Family Law disputes.

There is a flat fee of \$2,500 which includes a pre-mediation phone conference, reading of any material and up to 3 hours of mediation. For 6 hours the flat fee is \$5,000. After that it is \$550 per hour or part thereof (charged in units of \$110 per 12 minutes). GST of 10% is to be added to all of these figures.

Richard Maurice holds degrees in Law and Economics from Sydney University. He was admitted as a solicitor in NSW in 1984 and admitted a barrister in 1988. Since then he has practiced mainly in the areas of Family Law, De facto relationships, together with Wills and Probate. He also works as a Mediator in Family Law financial and parenting matters. He is a member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia and the International Society of Family Law.