

John J Oswald-Jacobs

Barrister-at-law

Nationally Accredited Mediator

Having previously been a partner at Gadens Ridgeway (as it then was), been the principal of my own law firm, and an investment banker in London for some years, I signed the Bar Roll in May 2006.

Areas of Practice

- Property Law
- Commercial Law
- Banking and Finance Law
- Tenancy Law
- Wills & Estates
- Trusts & Equity
- Defamation

Australian Practice

Although I appear in courts or tribunals reasonably regularly, my practice to date has consisted primarily of advice work, drafting of court documents and general strategic and tactical advice in relation to dispute resolution generally, including of course in court proceedings. Nonetheless I have conducted a number of hearings and trials in the Supreme Court, including as junior to Robert Hay SC, the County Court, the Magistrates' Court and the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal. In Victoria my practice consists mostly of Supreme Court and County Court litigation.

Overseas Practice

I also practice as a barrister in Papua New Guinea and in Fiji. In those jurisdictions I conduct lengthy and large-scale proceedings respectively in the National Court of Papua and New Guinea and in the High Court of Fiji. Those proceedings have included cases against the Bank of South Pacific, Telikom PNG and other significant public companies.

Memberships & Qualifications

I have qualified as Nationally Accredited Mediator. My practice in that respect is however fledgling! I have nonetheless attended numerous mediations as counsel.

I am a member of CommBar and I have been a member of South Pacific Education Committee and the Duty Barrister Committee.

I am member of Lincoln's Inn, London.

Pro-bono Work

I have for many years been on the PILCH list and have from time to time conducted proceedings on a pro-bono basis, including in the Court Of Appeal. In addition I have on many occasions offered to act and have acted pro-bono for persons who have appeared in Court unrepresented.

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