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Mediation, family dispute resolution & arbitration · in person and online, Australia-wide

PROFILE

Justin Chua is a Nationally Accredited Mediator, registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Australian family law arbitrator, accredited elder mediator, parenting coordinator, collaborative professional, accredited family business advisor and practising solicitor with Chua Tan Associates, one of Melbourne's most established firms serving the Australian and Chinese-speaking communities since 1990.

That breadth is rare in a single practitioner. Referring solicitors may draw upon mediation, family dispute resolution, parenting coordination, arbitration and collaborative practice from one trusted source, supported throughout by the discipline of a solicitor-advocate, the financial fluency of a commerce and accounting background, a licensed real estate agent intimate with the Australian real estate industry as well as bilingual and cross-cultural fluency.

His approach is measured and settlement-focused. Justin is alert to the legal risk, the commercial reality and the human dynamics driving a dispute. He works with quiet persistence toward a durable, enforceable resolution reached without the cost, delay and exposure of a contested hearing.

APPOINTMENTS & ACCREDITATIONS

- **Nationally Accredited Mediator** — under the Australian Mediator and Dispute Resolution Accreditation Standards Board (AMDRAS).
- **Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner** — registered to conduct family dispute resolution and to issue Section 60I certificates.
- **Family Law Arbitrator** — appointed to arbitrate property and financial matters under the Family Law Act.
- **Accredited Elder Mediator** — specially trained for age-related and intergenerational disputes.

- **Parenting Coordinator** — appointed to manage high-conflict post-separation parenting arrangements.
- **Collaborative Professional** — trained in the collaborative practice model of dispute resolution.
- **Accredited Family Business Advisor** — accredited by the Family Business Association, advising family enterprises on governance, succession and the resolution of disputes among family owners.
- **Solicitor-Advocate** — practical experience running matters to contested hearing and received additional advocacy training through the Law Societies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

THE VALUE TO REFERRING SOLICITORS

- **Member of multiple mediation panels around Australia.** Member of numerous legal industry associations, ADR bodies and legal aid mediation panels. Frequently mediating civil, family law and estate/elder matters around the country gives Justin experience and knowledge of trends and what happens across the country in litigious cases.
- **A complete dispute-resolution awareness in one appointment.** Mediation, family dispute resolution, arbitration, elder mediation, parenting coordination and collaborative practice. Skills acquired through various training are applied to your client's dispute resolution process.
- **Section 60I certificates issued.** As a registered practitioner, Justin conducts family dispute resolution and provides the certificates clients require to proceed where a matter does not resolve.
- **The preparation of an advocate.** Court experience across several jurisdictions means each matter is approached having read the papers closely and identified the true barriers to settlement beforehand. A particular focus on preliminary conferences conducted can help ensure the parties have a greater chance to reach agreement at a mediation.
- **Fluency in the client's language.** Justin can work directly with Chinese-speaking parties.
- **Cultural understanding that decides matters.** A deep familiarity with Asian and Chinese cultural expectations as well as lived experience studying or working in China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Myanmar, Singapore and Malaysia allows Justin to understand the underlying motivations behind parties' thoughts and feelings.

- **A commercial mind.** A commerce degree, an accounting major, earlier finance experience in Hong Kong, operating a real estate agency, accommodation businesses and fruit plantation bring ready command of balance sheets, valuations and the figures behind a settlement.
- **Composure where feeling runs high.** Training across a range of therapeutic frameworks equips Justin to de-escalate conflict and hold parties in constructive discussion, particularly in family and estate matters.

FIELDS OF PRACTICE

- **Commercial & business disputes** — shareholder and director differences, partnership breakdowns as well as disputes with contractors, suppliers, staff and customers.
- **Family dispute resolution** — parenting and property matters, with Section 60I certificates issued as a registered practitioner.
- **Family law arbitration** — binding determination of property/financial disputes which can be a swifter and more private alternative to a contested hearing.
- **Elder & intergenerational disputes** — matters touching ageing parents, care arrangements, inheritance expectation and family agreements.
- **Parenting coordination** — the ongoing management of high-conflict co-parenting after orders are made.
- **Collaborative practice** — family matters resolved through the structured, non-adversarial collaborative model.
- **Estate & inheritance disputes** — contested wills, family provision claims and differences among beneficiaries.
- **Debt & contract disputes** — recovery, insolvency-adjacent and general civil matters.
- **Cross-cultural & Chinese-language matters** — disputes involving parties of Asian and Chinese-speaking background in Australia and across borders.

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