

John Spender QC

Arbitrator and Mediator

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Career Path: Law, Arbitration, Mediation, Politics, Diplomacy

Law Career:

- Commenced practice, Sydney, Australia, 1961.
- Appointed Queens Counsel, 1974.
- Acting Justice, Supreme Court of New South Wales, 1994-1995.
- Member of Australian, English and Hong Kong bars.

Arbitration and Mediation:

- Practicing arbitrator and mediator since 2001.
- Member 2002-2008 of National Alternative Dispute Resolution Advisory Council, Australia's peak council on ADR, which advises the Australian Attorney-General on policy issues.
- Fellow, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia.
- Grade One Arbitrator, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia.
- Visiting Fellow, Bond University, Australia.
- Mediation Accreditation and Training, Harvard University, USA, Bond University, LEADR.
- International conferences on arbitration/mediation, judging, presenting papers, etc.
- Member LCIA, IAMA, LEADR.

Politics:

- 1980-1990 Member of Australian House of Representatives.
- Positions held included Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister Foreign Affairs, Manager of Opposition Business in the House of Representatives.
- Chairman and author of the report of joint House of Representatives/Senate Committee under Fraser and Hawke Governments on the reform of the rules and practices of Parliamentary Privilege: reforms recommended, many implemented.

Diplomacy:

- Co-leader with United States Presidents Ford and Carter of International Monitoring Body on Panama Elections, 1989.
- Australian Ambassador to France and Morocco 1996-2000, and Portugal 1996-1998.

- Australian Special Envoy to Cyprus 1998-2000.

Availability:

- Australia, to 31 July 2010 and 1 November 2010 – 30 June 2011.
- London based, 1 August – 30 October 2010.

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