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Adrian William Duffy QC

Position	Barrister at Law		
	Queen's Counsel		
	Notary Public for the State of Queensland		
Areas of Practice	Admiralty, Maritime and Aviation law		
	Commercial litigation		
	International and domestic arbitration		
	Employment and Industrial relations		
	Resources, infrastructure and construction		
	Native Title		
	International and trade law		
	Insurance and professional liability		
Date of Birth	2 January 1958		
Education	Oakhill College, Castle Hill, New South Wales: 1970 to 1973		
	Frawley College Scarborough, Queensland: 1974 – 1975		
	 School Captain: 1975 		
	o Ist XV Rugby: 1974 & 1975		
	• Queensland Solicitors' Board: 1977 – 1979		
	Master of Laws - University of Queensland		
Professional Experience	Clerk, Department of Justice & Crown Solicitor's Office		

1978 – 1982	 Articled Clerk – M G Lyons & Co (subsequently known as Lyons, Solicitors)
1 February 1983 – 30 June 1984	Solicitor, Lyons
1 July 1984 – 31 October 1997	• Partner, Lyons (subsequently known as Ebsworth & Ebsworth)
	• 1990 – 1994 – Managing Partner
17 November 1997 to present	Barrister at Law
19 November 2015	Queen's Counsel
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Prior to coming to the Bar, Adrian was a solicitor for almost 15 years and almost 14 years of that as a partner in the firm then known as Ebsworth & Ebsworth in Brisbane. During his time as a solicitor, Adrian practised extensively in commercial litigation, including in admiralty and maritime, aviation, insurance, resources and building and construction matters.

He has long experience in international and domestic arbitration, mostly as legal representative for parties, but including as arbitrator. He is a supporting member of the London Maritime Arbitrators Association and has acted in a number of maritime arbitrations conducted in London by arbitrators appointed under LMAA Rules. He is also a member of ICCA and has acted in arbitrations conducted under a number of other regimes, including ICC Rules.

He has delivered papers in the field, including on the question of expert evidence in arbitration.

Adrian headed Ebsworth & Ebsworth's transport group in Queensland, which serviced major national and international shipping companies, airlines and road and rail transport companies and their insurers, including as panel lawyers for Qantas and other major airlines.

Adrian advised major coal mining companies and other mineral and commodities exporters on their contracts of affreightment and charter parties and contracts with overseas steel mills.

Adrian also has experience in Native Title matters, having as

a solicitor been involved in the *Wik Case* from its commencement, as well as having been briefed as both junior counsel and senior counsel level to advise on and appear in significant native title litigation.

He also has extensive experience in fisheries matters and acted for the Queensland Fish Management Authority and its successor authorities for many years in licensing and other matters, including matters concerned with fisheries treaties and fisheries managed under joint authority with the Commonwealth.

Adrian has been briefed in a number of significant matters in the Supreme Court, Federal Court and High Court. This includes many of the important Admiralty and maritime cases in Queensland in recent years as well as many large construction and engineering and other commercial cases and a number of important employment and industrial relations matters. He has also advised and acted in litigation in relation to State and Commonwealth managed fisheries and in Native Title matters.

Adrian has also acted in a number of matters involving claims against professionals (medical professionals, lawyers, valuers, engineers, and architects) and corporate directors and insurance in relation to such claims.

He has acted for many years in a variety of defamation matters. Notably, he acted in a number of matters for one of the major national television broadcasters giving advice in relation to potentially defamatory material, giving advice and acting in litigation in respect of claims for defamation and appearing in the Supreme Court in relation to injunctive proceedings against the broadcaster seeking to restrain publication of allegedly defamatory news and current affairs stories.

Adrian was also briefed to advise and appear for various parties in the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry and the Queensland Racing Commission of Inquiry and the Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry.

Professional Memberships

- Bar Association of Queensland
- Member of the Professional Conduct Committee and the International Law Committee of the Bar Association of Queensland
- Victorian Bar Association

- Western Australian Bar Association
- Supporting Member of London Maritime Arbitrators Association
- Member International Council for Commercial Arbitration
- Present Committee member and former Chairman of Queensland Branch of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and NZ
- Former Chairman of Queensland Branch of the Aviation Law Association of Australia and NZ
- Former Chairman of Queensland Law Society's Court Practice & Procedure Committee
- Former Member of Appeal Costs Board
- Queensland Society of Notaries
- Member of the Queensland University of Technology Career Mentor Scheme

Other

Adrian has written and presented numerous papers in a variety of topics over the last 25 years, including in recent times at MLAANZ conferences and conferences and meetings for AMPLA, Engineers Australia and the Institution of Arbitrators and Mediators.

Adrian has been a regular presenter at the Bar Practice Course and from time to time a part time lecturer in maritime law at the University of Queensland, as well as sitting as a panel member for arbitration moots. Adrian has acted as an arbitrator as well as having conducted a number of mediations, particularly in maritime law matters.

He is the current Editor of *Hearsay*, the journal of the Bar Association of Queensland