Early Neutral Evaluation: A useful addition to the ADR smorgasbord?

A free public lecture presented by the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation (ACJI)

All too often mediation is the default position for parties and lawyers wanting to use ADR to resolve a dispute. However, there are many different ADR models, and some maybe more appropriate to the nature of the dispute and parties than mediation. This seminar will provide insight into the use of Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) in a variety of jurisdictions around the world and identify when it might be appropriate to use, and the pros and cons of broadening our ADR options.

Presented by

Chief Magistrate of Victoria, Peter Lauritsen commenced in the position on 29 November 2012 after being first being appointed as a magistrate in 1989, and Deputy Chief Magistrate in 2003. Between 1987 and 1989, Peter Lauritsen was a magistrate for the Northern Territory.

During his career, Mr Lauritsen has taken on a range of responsibilities in relation to the management and operation of various Courts and Tribunals, and chaired a range of committees such as the Civil Rules Committee and the Court’s Dispute Resolution Committee.

Externally, he has represented the Court on numerous committees, bodies, boards and advisory groups including the Council of Legal Education, The Courts’ Library Committee, and the Judicial Officer’s Aboriginal Committee.

Dr Paula Gerber has been a lawyer for over 25 years. She spent five years working as a solicitor in London, and five years as an attorney in Los Angeles before returning to Australia where she became a partner in a leading Melbourne law firm. Paula is now an Associate Professor at the Monash University Law School and a pre-eminent academic in the area of construction law generally, and Dispute Avoidance Processes (DAPs) in particular. She is also a sessional member and mediator at VCAT.

Paula has published extensively on the use of DAPS and ADR by the construction sector, including most recently Best Practice in Construction Disputes: Avoidance, Management and Resolution (2013) LexisNexis which has been shortlisted for the LexisNexis Centenary Book Award.

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