

# Peter Callaghan SC

Barrister-at-law, Nigel Bowen Chambers

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## Practice Overview

The major part of my work is in construction industry (building and engineering) and general commercial matters. Other areas in which I have had significant involvement are disciplinary aspects of the racing industries, administrative law, personal injuries and industrial law. My work in the Defence Force involved, in particular, judicial roles in over 60 trials and acting as Counsel Assisting in, and as President of, Boards and Commissions of Inquiry concerning deaths in the ADF. I have regularly given education and training presentations for the Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia; the Resolution Institute, the NSW Bar Association and other bodies. As an Arbitrator and a Supreme Court and District Court Referee, I have conducted numerous hearings in construction industry matters. I also practice as a Mediator and Expert Determiner. On a part time basis, I have sat for a number of years first on the Administrative Decisions Tribunal (Deputy President) and then until mid-2021 on the Civil & Administrative Tribunal (Principal Member).

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## Background and Qualifications

1959	Leaving Certificate Cootamundra High School
1960-1971	Articled Clerk, then Solicitor, and later, Associate Partner, Clayton Utz and Company
1965	LL.B. University of Sydney
1965	Admitted as Solicitor
1969	LL.M. University of Sydney
1971	Admitted to Bar
1970-1972	Part-time lecturer and tutor University of New South Wales
1976-1979	Delegate of Corporate Affairs Commission for investigations of Cambridge Credit Corporation Ltd, Northumberland Insurance Company Ltd and related companies.
1976	Joined Royal Australian Navy Reserve
1984-2002	Chairman of Judiciary Committee of Sydney Hockey Association
1985 - 2007	Judge Advocate and Defence Force Magistrate
1987-1991	Partner, Colin Biggers & Paisley Solicitors
1993-2002	Head NSW RANR Legal Panel
1993-1999	Member of Professional Conduct Committee of NSW Bar Association
1994	Senior Counsel
1995	Reserve Force Decoration
1996-7	Acting Judge, NSW District Court
1997	Captain RANR
2001-3	Deputy Chairman NSW Chapter

	Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
2001-2008	Major Inquiry Steward Greyhound & Harness Racing Regulatory Authority
2002	Fellow, and Grade 1 Arbitrator Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
2002	Life Member, Gordon North Sydney Hockey Club
2003	Accredited Adjudicator Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
2003-2011	Chairman NSW Chapter Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
2006	Accredited Mediator Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
2006	Life Member Sydney Hockey Association
2007	Retired from RANR
2007 (continuing)	Arbitrator, NSW Supreme Court
2007-2019	Member, NSW Bar Association Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee
2007-2010	Member, Chief of Defence Force Commissions of Inquiry Presidential Panel
2008-2013	Part-time Deputy President, NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal
2007-2019	Accredited by IAMA and NSW Bar Association under National Mediator Standards
2009-2018	Member, Law Council of Australia Construction and Infrastructure Law Committee
2010 (continuing)	Arbitrator approved with NSW Bar Association
2010 (continuing)	Expert Determiner approved with NSW Bar Association
2013-2018	Chairman, NSW section of Law Council of Australia Construction and Infrastructure Law Committee
2014-2021	Part-time Principal Member NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal

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Recommendations:

- The Best Lawyers Australia 2020-23 – Recognised for Commercial Law