

Changes At ACDC

The Australian Commercial Disputes Centre has announced the appointment of its new Chairman, the Hon. Jerrold Cripps QC, following the retirement of Mr Ron Fry AO MBE. Mr Cripps took over the Chairmanship on 1 February 1995.

Mr Fry has been ACDC's Chairman since July, 1990 and oversaw many changes to the company, notably the introduction of a rigorous mediator accreditation system by areas of specialisation.

Mr Cripps has a distinguished career, having been a Judge of the District Court of NSW, Judge and then Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court and then Judge of the NSW Court of Appeal before retiring from the bench in 1993.

Mr Cripps has been a strong advocate of dispute resolution and established the successful mediation program of the NSW Land and Environment Court. He has also been the Chairman of the Legal Aid Commission and President of the Anti-Discrimination Board.

ACDC was established in 1986 to provide independent dispute resolution services. These services assist parties to arrive at negotiated agreements as an alternative or addition to court action. The services include commercial mediation, expert appraisal and determination, public inquiries, investigations, training in dispute prevention and resolution and consulting to business and government.

The other ACDC Board Members are:

- Mr Laurie Glanfield (Vice Chairman)
Director-General, NSW Attorney-General's Department
- Mr Michael Ahrens, Senior Partner
Baker & McKenzie, Solicitors
- Mr Gary Byron, Director-General
Department of Courts Administration
- Mr Martin McCurrich, General Manager
Motor Accidents Authority
- RADM E G Stubington, AM RANEM
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Institute of Company Directors
- Mr A C (Bert) Evans AM, Chief Executive
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The members of the ACDC Mediator Accreditation Board are:

- The Hon. Gordon Samuels, AC, QC
(Chairman)
- Professor Sandra Humphrey
Chair of the Vocational Education and
Training Accreditation Board
- Dr Simon Longstaff, Executive Director,
St James Ethics Centre
- Carol Dance
Chief Executive Officer, ACDC

ACDC Staff Members are:

- Carol Dance, BA (Drew) MBA (AGSM)
Chief Executive Officer
- David Spencer, BA LLB (Syd) Grad Dip
(Leg Prac), Dispute Resolution Advisor
- Rosanne Robertson, Dip Law (SAB) Grad
Dip (Leg Prac), Case Manager
- Cherie McCune, Administration Manager.

For assistance in the negotiation of dispute resolution with the other party, assistance with the selection of appropriate dispute processes and an appropriate neutral person to facilitate resolution, and administration and facilitation of the dispute resolution process, contact:

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