



Federal Court of Australia
Third Pacific Regional Mediation Forum, 4 – 6 June 2012,
Level 18 Conferences Rooms, Law Courts Building, Sydney Australia

Host Judge:

Justice Peter Jacobson

Presenters:

Michael Wall, District Registrar

Jenny Hedge, Deputy District Registrar

Paddy Hannigan, Deputy District Registrar

Chuan Ng, Deputy District Registrar

Day 1 – Monday 4 June 2012

- 08.45 Registration
- 09.00 Opening and formal welcome by Justice Jacobson and Michael Wall
- 09.05 Introductions, housekeeping, goals and expectations
- 09.15 Overview of the program
- 09.30 Country reports¹ and discussion about the status of mediation in participating countries
- 10.45 Morning tea
- 11.00 Session 1: Conducting a mediation – a step by step, practical guide by Michael Wall & Chuan Ng
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 Session 1: Conducting a mediation – a step by step, practical guide (continued)
- 3.15 Afternoon tea
- 3.30 Session 1: Conducting a mediation – a step by step, practical guide (continued)
- 4.30 Discussion and summary of the day
- 5.00 Close
- 6.00 Dinner: Peter Doyle @ The Quay restaurant

¹ Country representatives to provide an update on the mediation programs conducted in their respective jurisdictions, e.g., the number of cases mediated/settled/returned to court; who conducted the mediations; what types of matters were referred; how public awareness has been built; what problems they encountered and how they were resolved; how they sought to bridge to divide with informal systems; how they took advantage of the Pacific mediators network and what ongoing support they require; what progress has been made towards establishing a system of court-annexed mediation: legislation; rules; regulations; policies; systems; mediator training; public awareness and whether they have started mediating?

Day 2 – Tuesday 5 June 2012

09.00 Review of day 1

09.15 Co-mediation: the benefits of co-mediation by Michael Wall and Chuan Ng

10.15 Break

10.20 Strategies and interventions of the mediator by Michael Wall

11.00 Morning tea

11.15 “Fish bowl” mediation simulation: Army v Government dispute on wages

12.45 Feedback and discussion

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Group discussion: personal characteristics of a good mediator by Jenny Hedge

2.30 Group discussion: dealing with language barriers in mediation by Paddy Hannigan

3.10 Afternoon tea

3.30 Mediation simulations

5.00 Close

Day 3 – Wednesday 6 June 2012

09.00 Review of day 2

09.15 Group discussion: dealing with difficult self-representing litigants by Jenny Hedge and Chuan Ng

10.00 Break

10.10 Group discussion: Bridging the gap when close to settlement? by Paddy Hannigan

11.00 Morning tea

11.30 Group discussion: Building your system of court-annexed mediation & review of existing systems with Jenny Hedge & Paddy Hannigan

1.00 Lunch

2.00 Feedback, discussion, questions and answers

3.15 Afternoon tea

3.30 Planning: where to from here?

4.30 Questions and evaluation

4.45 Presentation of *Certificates of Attendances* by Justice Jacobson and group photo

5.00 Close