



(Please read Membership Criteria and on pages four and five before completing this application)

1. Sponsor: DOUGLAS MURPHY & Co Dist Fellow
2. Co-sponsor: DAVID GASZNER Distinguished Fellow
3. Nominee Information Include the following: Name, Firm, Address, City, State/Province  
Zip/Postal, Country; Phone/Fax, and email

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4. Description of Nominee's Practice (include information regarding the market in which the Nominee practices, eg., whether courts mandate mediation and how frequently mediation is utilized in that market)

The Nominee practices extensively in relation to disputes involving deceased estates and farm debt mediation. Court ordered mediation applies to all claims for provision from the estate of a deceased person in Queensland and is utilised in all claims that are not resolved at a preliminary conference. The Farm Business Debt Mediation Act 2017 (Qld) mandates that a mortgagee must offer mediation prior to taking any enforcement action. It follows that mediation is a regular occurrence in both areas of the Nominee's practice

5. Please attach the Nominee's current curriculum vitae, including mediation certifications, training, speaking, writing, teaching and training.

6. IAM Conference Attendance

Please list the place and date of all IAM Conferences (live or virtual) attended by the Nominee:

IAM Fall 2020 Virtual Conference - 16 October 2020

7. IAM Members Known. Please identify any IAM members the Nominee knows

Douglas Murphy QC  
Michel Kallipetis QC  
Hal Abramson  
Lee Jay Berman  
David Gaszner  
Jeremy Lack  
John Sturrock QC

**8. Mediation Experience**

a. How many years has the Nominee served as mediator for compensation in commercial disputes?

b. How many days has the Nominee served as a mediator for compensation in commercial disputes?

i. In the past 12 months

ii. In the past 3 years

iii. in the Nominee's career

*(Commercial disputes do not include residential landlord/tenant or dissolution of marriage matters. A day is at least 4-6 hours or more, including preparation time.)*

c. Please attach a description of any other mediation-related experience that the Nominee considers to be relevant to this nomination for membership (eg., mediation training, teaching, presiding over settlement conferences as a judge or magistrate, etc.).

**9. References**

Please list three references whom the Sponsors have contacted and submit summaries of each reference's comments along with this form. References should be counsel, parties, or party representatives with whom the Nominee has worked in a mediation session in the past year.

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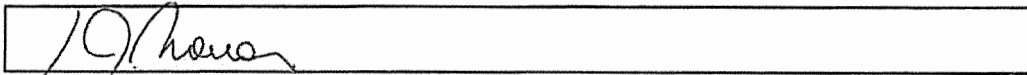
**10. Background**

Has the Nominee ever been convicted of or are charges pending regarding a violation of any criminal law (other than minor traffic offenses), ethical, code of conduct, or disciplinary rules of any state government or provincial agency, bar association or private or public professional entity?

If yes, please explain status and/or resolution in an attachment.

**Nominee Affirmation**

The undersigned Nominee affirms and verifies that he or she has read and understands the information provided herein, and that the information is true and complete to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief. Nominee also confirms that he or she understands this submission does not create any obligation on the part of the International Academy of Mediators to admit me as a member. If granted, membership is subject to the conditions of the IAM By-laws and Constitution, including but not limited to dues and conference attendance requirements.

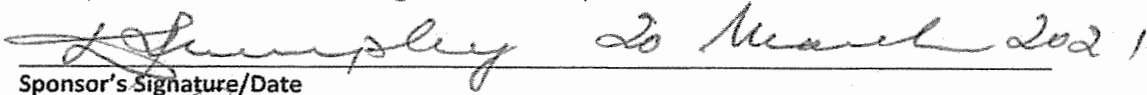


Nominee's Signature/Date

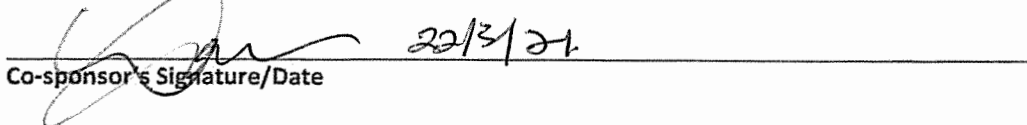
4 March 2021

**Sponsors' Affirmations**

We the undersigned sponsor and co-sponsor of this Nomination, affirm that based on our personal knowledge and review of at least three professional references, the Nominee meets all the qualifications for membership in the IAM and accordingly, we are pleased to nominate Lee John Nevison to become a Fellow/Distinguished Fellow (circle one) of the IAM immediately upon approval of this Nomination by the Board of Governors. (Please attach any additional comments regarding this Nomination that you believe will be helpful to the Board in reviewing the Nomination)

 20 March 2021

Sponsor's Signature/Date

 22/3/21

Co-sponsor's Signature/Date

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1982-1984 Articled Clerk - Rockhampton

1984- 1991 Solicitor – Rockhampton - commercial, succession and property matters

1991-1992 Owned and operated a Motel at the Sunshine Coast

1992-1993 Barrister – Sunshine Coast

1993-1996 Solicitor – Sunshine Coast- including work as a Trade Consultant.

1997-2003 Farm & Rural Legal Service Lawyer - advising, negotiating and mediating for Queensland primary producers and rural small business owners.

2003 – 2020 Barrister – Brisbane – Principal practice areas - mediation, commercial, succession, farm debt, property matters and defamation.

### **PROFESSIONAL & PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

1977 School Captain, North Rockhampton State High School.

April, 1981 Awarded Bachelor of Arts Degree with studies in Government, Economics, Sociology and Philosophy by the University of Queensland. (Completed December, 1980)

April, 1985 Awarded Bachelor of Laws Degree by the University of Queensland (Completed December, 1984)

December, 1984 Admitted to Practise as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland

Member of the Law Council of Australia

Treasurer of the Central District Law Association.  
(Central Queensland)

March, 1986 Engaged to act as Legal and Commercial Adviser to a Task Force appointed by the

Government of the Republic of the Philippines in relation to the winding up of certain assets of the Marcos Regime in Australia. Since liquidation continued in the role of Commercial Adviser to the Philippines Government Department of Agriculture.

- June, 1998 Entered in the Register of practitioners to practise as a Solicitor in any Federal Court, issued by the Registrar of the High Court of Australia.
- April, 1992 Admitted to practise as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland
- July, 1992 Appointed as a Mediator of the Queensland Building Tribunal.
- Author of the book titled: "My Business – A Comprehensive Guide for Queensland Small Business."
- 1993 Secretary to the Sunshine Coast Law Association
- December, 1993 Readmitted to Practise as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland
- February, 1994 Appeared as Advocate before the Senate Legal and Constitutional References Committee inquiring into the Investigatory Powers of the Australian Securities Commission.
- August, 1995 Assisted with arrangements for the visit to Brisbane by His Excellency President Fidel Ramos, President of the Republic of the Philippines.
- October, 1995 Appointed Honorary Ambassador for the Shire of Maroochy, Queensland
- June, 1999 Qualified Mediator – Department of Justice Alternative Dispute Resolution Branch
- 1997 – 2003 Volunteer – St Vincent's Community Services The Bush Connection – a rural families support and re-settlement project
- 1997 – 2003 Attendance at various internal training courses conducted by Legal Aid Queensland, Department of Primary Industries and other agencies covering topics including Cultural Awareness, Microsoft Products, Communication Skills, Myers-Briggs Testing, Time Management and Insolvency.
- 1997 – 2001 Presenter at numerous training and community education forums on a diverse range of issues relating to the role of Farm Finance Lawyer.
- 2002 Qualified as a Workplace Trainer
- 2002 Re-Admitted to Practise as a Barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland
- 2010 - present National Accreditation as a Mediator

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## EXPERIENCE

Between 1982 and 1991, and again between 1993 and 1996, as an articled clerk and solicitor in private practice in Queensland, all areas of law were traversed, with a focus on commercial and property matters.

From 1997 to 2003, as a Farm & Rural Legal Service Lawyer, in addition to resolving banking and financing disputes, issues regularly arose with respect to rural succession matters and rural business structures, including trusts. Advice was provided to a diverse range of enterprises.

As a barrister, first admitted in 1992 and then re-admitted in 2002 until the present, Lee has practiced in a wide range of civil, commercial and succession matters.

Acting as mediator now forms a significant part of the Lee's practice at the Bar.

Dear Jeffrey,

I am employed as a Senior Lawyer with LAQ's Farm and Rural Legal Service. The FRLS represents farmers in disputes with their lenders which involves farm debt issues. Farm debt mediations are conducted as part of the dispute process.

Under the protocols to commence the mediation process, the farmers nominate 3 mediators. The bank selects one mediator from the farmer's list. My service assist farmers in the selection process to choose nominees. Lee is often the farmer's first choice of nominee. Lee is regarded as the most experienced farm debt mediator in the State of Queensland and is very well respected in the area of farm debt mediation. Lee is one of the most experienced farm debt mediators in Australia.

The FRLS has been involved in many hundreds of mediations where Lee was the appointed mediator. Lee has great knowledge of the mediation process. He has impressive skills which assist parties to work through the issues in dispute. These disputes are often highly charged situations requiring the mediator to employ skills to deal with emotional and legal issues. Lee comes highly recommended and the number of engagements speaks for themselves. From my discussions with fellow Lawyers, I am told that Lee is their first choice as mediator in farm debt matters and other jurisdictions involving deceased estate and similar disputes.

Please advise if you require further assistance.

Kind regards,

**Denis McMahon**

Senior Lawyer | Farm & Rural Legal Service | Civil Justice Services | Legal Aid Queensland | mobile 0428 738 099 | office 07 3917 0550 | fax 07 3917 0697

Hello Jeff,

After 45 years in the law, 25 as a partner of McCullough Robertson Lawyers, I retired yesterday, and my (former) secretary Jennifer has forwarded your email 26/3/21 to this my gmail address.

I have no hesitation in recommending Lee. He and I would have conducted the vast majority of deceased estates mediations in Queensland over the last decade. I have done 340 and he would have done at least double. He also mediates rural and farm debt matters. I have mediated him many times, and he me. Lee is one of my firm's preferred barristers to brief for succession matters.

If I had an estate litigation coming up for mediation, my first choice would be Lee.

Please contact me if you need anything further on this gmail address or 0413485417.

Regards

Tim Whitney



Jeff,

Thank you for your email.

In the area in which I practice, succession law, Lee is the mediator of choice. He is a highly respected and effective mediator. He is always well prepared. He is patient and persistent. He is emphatic yet firm when necessary. Without being evaluative (unless asked to be evaluative) he contributes to the negotiations with proposals to help the clients move from fixed views to consensual resolution. I trust these observations are of assistance to you.

Kind regards,

Robert Whiteford

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