# Our people

## Justice Alan Wilson, President



"The diversity and skill of our members and adjudicators ensure we can apply the appropriate experience to all matters."

Justice Alan Wilson was admitted as a barrister in 1982. In his early career he developed a specialist practice in wills, probate and succession and equity. Later he undertook a great deal of mediation

work and is an active proponent of its benefits.

Justice Wilson was appointed Senior Counsel in 1999 and to the District Court of Queensland in 2001. He was also appointed a Planning and Environment Court Judge in 2001 and a Children's Court Judge in 2003. He transferred to Brisbane in January 2004 and managed the lists of the Planning and Environment Court from 2004 to 2008.

Justice Wilson was simultaneously appointed to the Supreme Court and as the inaugural President of QCAT in October 2009.

#### Judge Fleur Kingham, Deputy President



#### "QCAT is revolutionising dispute resolution in our community."

Judge Fleur Kingham is a judge of the District Court of Queensland, the Children's Court of Queensland and the Planning and Environment Court of Queensland. Prior to those appointments in 2006 she was the Deputy President of the Land and Resources Tribunal of Queensland.

Judge Kingham is a mediator with experience in multi-party and public interest disputes including Indigenous Australian land and governance issues. She practised in commercial litigation and environmental law, has advised governments on policy and legislative developments in environmental and resources law and held academic positions in related fields.

In October 2010, Judge Kingham was awarded the prestigious Queensland Law Society Agnes McWhinney Award. The award recognised her significant contribution to innovative reforms in ensuring simplified and accessible alternative dispute resolution within the tribunal.

### Kerrie O'Callaghan, Senior Member – Civil



"Our stakeholders help us to provide more accessible and efficient service for our clients."

Ms O'Callaghan has been involved in the legal profession in numerous roles since her admission as a solicitor in 1985. She has been a partner in a national law firm and practised principally in the areas of construction

and commercial litigation. She was a member of the Queensland Building Tribunal from 1993 to 2002.

Before being appointed to QCAT Ms O'Callaghan was a member of the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal and was the in-house lawyer in Queensland for the construction company Baulderstone Qld Pty Ltd.

#### Richard Oliver, Senior Member – Civil



#### "QCAT strives for service excellence in all our jurisdictions."

Formerly a barrister practicing in Brisbane, Mr Oliver joined QCAT on its commencement in December 2009.

Mr Oliver graduated from the University of Queensland in 1979 with a Bachelor of Law degree and after a short period as a judge's associate he commenced practice as a barrister in early 1980.

He has been in private practice since that time apart from between 1987 and 1990 when he was a principal of a regional law firm.

Mr Oliver has experience across a broad range of jurisdictions with particular experience in civil litigation, building matters and administrative reviews. He was a sessional tribunal member in the original Queensland Building Tribunal between 1994 and 2001 and was appointed as a sessional member to the former Commercial and Consumer Tribunal from February 2008 until the commencement of QCAT.

Prior to his appointment to QCAT he practiced insurance law, personal injury and commercial and estate litigation. This resulted in participation in numerous mediations and compulsory conferences.

He is an accredited mediator with the Supreme Court and is well equipped to help develop QCAT's alternate dispute resolution procedures and assist members and staff in this area.

#### Susan Booth, Senior Member – Administrative and Disciplinary



# "QCAT's regional presence is key to ensuring accessibility to fair, efficient and efficient justice."

Ms Booth was admitted as a solicitor in 1990 and worked in both private practice and senior government positions for over 15 years. Her expertise in industrial, discrimination and administrative law includes a significant

emphasis on alternative dispute resolution.

Before being appointed to QCAT Ms Booth was Queensland's Anti-Discrimination Commissioner responsible for the State's human rights laws and the former Queensland Anti-Discrimination Tribunal. She was also chair of the national peak human rights body the Australian Council of Human Rights Agencies.

At QCAT, Ms Booth has responsibility for the administrative and disciplinary lists and chairs the QCAT Alternative Dispute Resolution committee.

From October 2011 Ms Booth will take up an appointment as a Commissioner with Fair Work Australia.

#### Clare Endicott, Senior Member – Human Rights



"QCAT is committed to treating impaired or disabled persons with dignity and respect."

Ms Endicott graduated from the University of Queensland with an Arts degree in 1975 and with a law degree in 1977. She was admitted as a solicitor in 1978 and practised as a litigation solicitor until 2006.

She completed her Master of Law degree in 1987 and was a partner in Brisbane legal firms for almost 25 years.

In 2005 Ms Endicott became a part time member of the Guardianship and Administration Tribunal and in April 2006 she was appointed the Deputy President of that tribunal.