

SPEAKER PROFILE

Chris Rodd

Biography

Chris, a lawyer, is a past president of Australian Insurance Law Association (AILA, having been national president 2008 and 2009. Currently a nationally accredited mediator, his professional practice now focusses on mediation of insurance related disputes and his work as an insurance law specialist.

Chris was employed by CGU Insurance as a Technical Counsel, developing and delivering insurance law training to the company's various departments, having previously, headed up the company's Internal Dispute Resolution Department for many years and also having occupied the position of national claims manager.

Prior to joining what was then CU Insurance in 1989, he was in private practice for 9 years with a large insurance law firm in Melbourne, primarily involved in insurance litigation.

Since joining CGU, he has had a number of different roles within the organisation and has participated in numerous industry working parties and committees both with the ICA and FOS during his 27 years with the company. Chris has spoken at many Insurance Institute, (ANZIIF), FOS and AILA functions during his career with CGU and has written numerous papers on insurance law related topics.

Actively involved in AIDA, (the international arm of AILA) ,Chris is a member of international working parties on "Climate Change and Insurance" and Alternative Dispute Resolution of Insurance Disputes"(now the current Chair of the Working Party) and has presented papers at international meetings in Paris (2010) and Amsterdam (2011), Istanbul in (2012) and London (2012) and Queenstown (2013) and (2016), Rome (2014), Johannesburg (2015), and Havana (2015), on these issues .He is also Australia's representative on the International AIDA Presidential Council following his appointment in Rome in 2014. A member of the US based organisation FDCC (Federation of Defence and Corporate Counsel), he was invited to speak at the FDCC and US Insurance Institute conference in New York in 2013, and is currently chair of the FDCC International Law Section.

Recipient of the prestigious Australian Insurance Law Prize in 2013, he has also been for some years a part time lecturer in insurance law at Monash University, Melbourne and a Senior Fellow in the Law Faculty at Monash.