

The Honourable Stephen Richard O’Ryan QC

- Graduate of the University of Sydney in 1971 with a degree of Bachelor of Laws.
- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (NSW) in May 1972.
- Admitted to the NSW Bar in May 1975.
- Member of the NSW Bar Association Family Law Committee.
- Appointed a member of the NSW Inner Bar (Queens Counsel) in September 1990.
- Acting Judge of the NSW District Court in 1991.
- Editor and now Consulting Editor of *Australian Family Law*, Butterworths.
- Founding member of the Editorial Board of the *Australian Journal of Family Law*, Butterworths.
- Consultant to the Australian Law Reform Commission, *Contempt*.
- Appointed a Judge of the Family Court in October 1994.
- Complex cases judge in the Family Court, Sydney Registry.
- Member of the Appeal Division of the Family Court.
- Administrative Judge for NSW and the ACT.
- Member of the Chief Justice’s Consultative Committee.
- Member of the Family Court Simplification of Procedures Committee.
- Chair of the Family Court Implementation of Simplified Procedures Committee.
- Member of the Family Court Future Directions Committee.
- Member of the Family Court National Case Management Committee.
- Chair of the Family Court Arbitration Committee.
- Chair of the Family Court Law Reform Committee.
- Chair of the Family Court Pre-Trial Management Committee.
- Chair of the Family Court Children’s Cases Programme Committee. Instrumental in the formulation, introduction and implementation of the Children’s Cases Program (Less Adversarial Trial).
- Member of the Family Court Judicial Remuneration Committee.
- Member of the board of the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration.
- Ceased to be a judge of the Family Court in March 2011.
- Resumed practice as member of the NSW Bar in April 2011.
- Accredited mediator, The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia.
- Family Law Accredited arbitrator.
- Director of the Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators.