



# TRACEY-LEIGH WESSELS

BA. LLB. LLM. M.CHPR (*CUM LAUDE*)

## PROFESSIONAL WORK

### MEDIATOR

FAMILY & DIVORCE MEDIATION  
ADULT & ELDER MEDIATION  
RELATIONSHIP MEDIATION  
MEDIATION-TO-REMAIN-MARRIED  
SCHOOL MEDIATIONS

### ATTORNEY

FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY  
REPRODUCTIVE LAW & SURROGACY  
LAW ATTORNEY

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

ADMITTED ATTORNEY SINCE MARCH 1997

ACCREDITED MEDIATOR SINCE 1996

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

BA. LLB. LLM (UKZN-PMB).

M.CHPR (*CUM LAUDE*) (UKZN- DBN)

### LLM DISSERTATION (1994)

A CRITICAL REVIEW OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL RESPONSE  
TO CHILD ABUSE

M.CHPR (A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY COURSE WORK MASTERS (LAW  
& SOCIAL WORK) IN CHILDREN'S LAW & CHILD PROTECTION  
(2005)

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## CURRENT MEDIATION FOCUS AREAS

- DIVORCE MEDIATION
- FAMILY MEDIATION
- BLENDED FAMILY MEDIATION
- ELDER MEDIATION
- MEDIATION TO REMAIN MARRIED
- CIVIL MEDIATION (SMALL CLAIMS)
- RELATIONSHIP CONFLICT
- SCHOOL MEDIATION

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY 1996-2023

### TRACEY-LEIGH WESSELS & ASSOCIATES

FAMILY LAW & FAMILY & DIVORCE MEDIATION PRACTICE

1999 - TO DATE

### CAMPUS LAW CLINIC - UKZN (HOWARD COLLEGE)

ATTORNEY & CO-ORDINATOR OF THE GENDER & CHILDREN'S RIGHTS UNIT POSITION INCLUDING REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS, OVERSEEING OF CANDIDATE ATTORNEYS, OVERSEEING FINAL YEAR LAW STUDENTS & LECTURING LAW STUDENTS ON LEGAL CASE MANAGEMENT

MID-1997 TO MID-1999

### ROGER KNOWLES INCORPORATED

CANDIDATE ATTORNEY (1996)

PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANT (END 1996 TO MID-1997)

### AD HOC WORK

FAMILY ADVOCATE'S OFFICE - WORKED IN A PART TIME CAPACITY ON AN AD HOC BASIS - 2005/2006

LECTURE MASTER'S STUDENTS FOR M.CHPR ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ON REQUEST OF PROFESSOR NOEL ZAAL COURSE CONVENOR.

ONE TO TWO LECTURES ANNUALLY BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY : 2005-2010

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## LOCAL MEDIATION AFFILIATIONS

### **KWAZULU-NATAL FAMILY MEDIATORS SOC (KAFAM)**

DISBANDED 2020

MEMBER FROM INCEPTION (APPROX. 2009)

### **KZN SOCIETY OF MEDIATORS**

NEWLY CONSTITUTED BODY

MEMBER SINCE INCEPTION (2020)

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK OF MEDIATORS**

MEMBER SINCE JUNE 2021

### **THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD OF FAMILY MEDIATORS (NABFAM)**

KZN CO-REPRESENTATIVE ON NABFAM BOARD (SINCE AUGUST 2023)

## INTERNATIONAL MEDIATION AFFILIATIONS

### **ACADEMY OF PROFESSIONAL FAMILY MEDIATORS (APFM)**

MEMBER SINCE 2018

### **APFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

APPOINTED JUNE 2021 :

CHAIR - COMMUNICATIONS

MEMBER: VERIFIED TRAINING COMMITTEE

MEMBER: CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MEMBER: INTERNATIONAL STATE & LOCAL COMMITTEE

### **MEMBER EXECUTIVE BODY : APFM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

APPOINTED JUNE 2023

### **REFLECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MEDIATORS - REFLECTIVE PRACTICE INSTITUTE**

PART OF A USA RPG GROUP SINCE 2018 TO DATE

RUNNING 6 MONTH PROGRAM FOR SA MEDIATORS 2023 / NEW PROGRAM TO START BEGINNING 2024

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## MEDIATION & CONFLICT NEGOTIATION COURSES SOUTH AFRICA

- **ATTENDANCE:** 40 HOURS ACCREDITATION COURSE RUN BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF MEDIATORS - TRAINER : CHARLES COHEN OF SAAM (1996)
- **ATTENDANCE:** 30 HOURS DIVORCE MEDIATION COURSE RUN BY THE FAMILY ADVOCATE'S OFFICE OF SOUTH AFRICA (1998)
- **ATTENDANCE** 40 HOURS CIVIL MEDIATION COURSE RUN BY THE ADR GROUP -LONDON (10 MARCH 2012)
- **ATTENDANCE** LEAD COURT-ALIGNED MEDIATION TWO DAY SEMINAR (19 JULY 2012)
- **APPOINTED** PANELIST FOR AFSA (21 AUGUST 2013)
- **ATTENDANCE** SOCIAL JUSTICE -1 DAY MAINTENANCE TRAINING (8 JUNE 2018)
- **ATTENDANCE** HALF-DAY SEMINAR RUN BY THE KZN LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL IN FULFILLMENT OF APPOINTMENT ON THE KZN LPC MEDIATION COMMITTEE (JUNE 2019)
- **ATTENDANCE** : 7 WEEK COURSE RUN BY UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN NEGOTIATION & CONFLICT RESOLUTION - FINAL GRADE ACHIEVED 96% (2020)
- **ATTENDANCE** : VOICE OF THE CHILD IRMA SCHUTTE & RONEL DUCHAN (2023)

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## TRAINER - MEDIATION - DATES & COURSES

- **FAMAC 40 HOUR MEDIATION TRAINING**

DURBAN, KWAZULU-NATAL

CO-TRAINER WITH MARC COLLET

(9-13 NOVEMBER 2009)

- **ATTENDED LEAD 2-DAY TRAIN THE TRAINER MEDIATION COURSE IN DURBAN**

(NOVEMBER 2014)

- **MEDIATION TRAINER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW SOCIETY (LEAD).**

40 HOURS TRAINING ON BEHALF OF LEAD FOR CIVIL AND DIVORCE MEDIATION  
COURSES HELD IN DURBAN AND PMB

CO-TRAINER : MOHAMED ESSACK

- DURBAN: 20-24 APRIL 2015

- PIETERMARITZBURG: 4-8 MAY 2015

- DURBAN: 20-24 JULY 2015

- **REFLECTIVE PRACTICE TRAINING FOR MEDIATORS**

2020-2022 : TRAINER & PRESENTER AS PART OF A GROUP OF 7 MEDIATOR TRAINERS  
ONLINE TRAINING CONDUCTED FOR VARIOUS MEDIATION BODIES SITUATED IN WISCONSIN,  
NEW YORK, ARIZONA, AND APFM (USA GENERALLY ) AS WELL AS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE  
(CAPE TOWN)

2023 : 6 MONTH ONLINE TRAINING CONDUCTED FOR SOUTH AFRICAN MEDIATORS

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## PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS, CONFERENCES & COURSES

- **MEDIATE.COM UNIVERSITY**  
PURCHASED & COMPLETED JIM MELAMED MEDIATING DIVORCE AGREEMENTS COURSE  
15 HOUR COURSE - DVD STREAMING (2015)
- **MEDIATE.COM UNIVERSITY**  
PURCHASED & COMPLETED MICHAEL AURIT "4 GAME-CHANGING TIPS TO BUILD YOUR DIVORCE MEDIATION PRACTICE" DVD STREAMING (2018)
- **MEDIATE.COM UNIVERSITY**  
PURCHASED & COMPLETED JIM MELAMED MAXIMIZING MEDIATION  
DVD STREAMING (2019)
- **MEDIATE.COM UNIVERSITY**  
PURCHASED & COMPLETED  
MEDIATING DIVORCE & FAMILY AGREEMENTS ONLINE (MELAMED, FOWLER, RULE) (2021)  
20 HOURS COURSE - DVD STREAMING (2021)
- **MEDIATE.COM UNIVERSITY**  
PURCHASED & COMPLETED  
MEDIATION AND MENTAL HEALTH (2022)
- **MEDIATE.COM UNIVERSITY**  
PURCHASED & COMPLETED TRAINING ON MEDIATING ELDER MATTER (DANA CURTIS) (2021)
- **CONFERENCES ATTENDED**  
APFM 2019 CONFERENCE - TWO AND A HALF DAYS  
APFM CONFERENCE & PRE-CONFERENCE - THREE AND A HALF DAYS (2020 - 2021 AND 2022)
- **BRUCE EDWARDS MEDIATOR MONTHLY WEBINARS**  
2019 TO DATE
- **REFLECTIVE PRACTICE USA MEDIATION GROUP WITH MICHAEL LANG**  
MONTHLY ATTENDANCE FROM 2018 TO DATE
- **REFLECTIVE PRACTICE INSTITUTE FOR MEDIATORS 12 MONTH CERTIFICATE COURSE (ONGOING)**

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## LOCAL MEDIATION WEBINARS / LECTURES ATTENDED 2020-2023

### ATTENDANCE

SAAM BI-WEEKLY WEBINARS (2020- 2023)

### ATTENDANCE :

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEBINARS (2021 - 2023)

### ATTENDANCE

PRO BONO WEBINARS (2021)

## LOCAL PRESENTATION - FAMILY LAW & MEDIATION WORKSHOPS

PRESENTED AT VARIOUS LOCAL WORKSHOPS HELD IN DURBAN & PIETERMARITZBURG ON FAMILY LAW GENERALLY, DIVORCE MEDIATION, FAMILY MEDIATION, REFLECTIVE PRACTICE MEDIATORS SUPPORT GROUPS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND SURROGACY . 1997 - 2023

SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNUAL CONFERENCE - FIRST DAY & MASTERCLASS PANELIST (2022)

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## INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS 2020-2023 MEDIATION CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- APFM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 - PART OF A GROUP OF 8 MEDIATORS THAT RAN A 2 HR ONLINE PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (OCTOBER 2020)
- APFM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021 ONLINE - DAY ONE PLENARY - EXCELLENCE IN MEDIATION
- APFM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022 ONLINE - PANELLIST - MINDFULNESS IN MEDIATION
- APFM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023 ONLINE - PANELIST MEDIATION AROUND THE GLOBE  
CONFERENCE STILL TO BE HOSTED END OCTOBER 2023
  
- ONLINE MEDIATION TOWNHALL USA AUG 2022  
PANELIST - THE ROLE OF AUTHENTICITY IN MEDIATION
- ONLINE MEDIATION TOWNHALL USA AUG 2023  
PANELIST - THE MEDIATOR'S MINDSET
  
- PANELLIST ON A WEBINAR HOSTED BY CAITLIN JENKINS - PARTNER AT MILLS &REEVE SOLICITORS IN ENGLAND ON FAMILY CONFLICT DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC (14 DECEMBER 2020)
  
- PRESENTED ONLINE AS A MEMBER OF A PANEL ON THE ROLE OF REFLECTIVE MEDIATION & ITS IMPACT ON ASPIRING TOWARDS EXCELLENCE IN PRACTICE AS A MEDIATOR
  - THE ANNUAL WISCONSIN MEDIATION CONFERENCE: (21 MAY 2021)
  - NEW YORK ACR WEBINAR (2022)
  - ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY WEBINAR (2022)
  
- **CONTRIBUTOR TO THE BOOKS :**
  - LIVING TOGETHER, SEPARATING, DIVORCING: SURVIVING DURING A PANDEMIC (2020) AND
  - FAMILY CONFLICT DURING A PANDEMIC - STORIES OF STRUGGLE & HOPE (2021)
  
- **MEDIATION MATTERS COMPLETED :** I HAVE COMPLETED APPROX. 500 MEDIATIONS MAINLY IN THE FIELD OF FAMILY, DIVORCE & GENERAL RELATIONSHIP DISPUTES .
- THE MEDIATIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON OR ONLINE OR IN HYBRID FORM



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