



Michael Fitzgerald, APM

Mediator & Solicitor



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Michael Fitzgerald is a Lawyer & nationally accredited Mediator, trained through the College of Law in effective dispute resolution, and offers Mediation and Support Person services in the Family Law, Family Disputes & Estates, Probate, and Historical Institutional Abuse Claims space. Michael is equipped with significant legal and on-the-job experience as well as trauma-informed strategies in managing individuals in relationships that have broken down due to domestic violence, and other harmful impact areas on families that may inhibit a productive mediation process. Michael's background will ensure that matters of this nature and those of less complex scenarios progress to an outcome that allows the parties to move forward with their lives and that their well-being throughout the mediation process is protected.

Michael was an accomplished Assistant Commissioner of Police, leading the State Crime Command in the New South Wales Police with a mandate to ensure a safer NSW. In his role, Michael oversaw the strategic prevention, disruption, and response to serious and organised crime within this State. His leadership extended across various critical investigative areas, including the Homicide Squad, Cyber Crime Squad, Organised Crime Squad, Raptor Squad, Financial Crime Squad, Child Abuse & Sex Crimes Squads, and other specialised crime squads and multi-agency strike forces.

Michael's extensive career includes significant roles in Corporate Sponsorships for Sexual Violence, Organised Crime, and Victims of Crime within NSW Police. He was the Chair of the NSW Detective Board and the National Serious Organised Crime Coordination Committee, fostering a collaborative approach to combat serious organised crime throughout Australia and New Zealand. Before his retirement in 2025, Michael served as the NSW Police Corporate Sponsor for Victims of Crime.

Previously, Michael was the Director of Investigations at the NSW Police Professional Standards Command and the Assistant Commissioner in charge of Forensics & Technical Services. Legal qualifications, including admission as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of NSW, complement his four decades of policing experience.

Michael retired from the NSW Police Force in September 2025 after forty-one years of dedicated service. Michael is currently a community member of the State Parole Authority, appointed by the Governor of NSW to a panel that helps decide whether to release offenders back into the community.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Australian Police Medal - The Australian Police Medal (APM) is part of the Australian honours system. It recognises the distinguished service of a member of the Australian Police Force.
- Commissioners Perpetual Award for the Advancement of Women – Male Champion of Change 2021. NSWPF winner and Highly Commended by the Australasian Women in Policing Award as Champion of Change for developing and supporting women, both sworn and unsworn, in senior leadership roles within the Forensic Evidence Command.

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice: 2005 - The Australian National University, Canberra
- Diploma of Law: 2003 - The University of Sydney – Legal Practitioners Board.
- Bachelor of Policing (Investigations): 1998 - Charles Sturt University
- Graduate Diploma in Criminology. 1993 - The University of Sydney.