

Resume

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Sean Moriarty is a Family Court Consultant with over 30 years' experience as a Social Worker, including the last 30 years specialising in Family Law and Child Protection matters. He operates from premises in central Brisbane City consisting of five rooms specifically designed to accommodate children and families with regard to privacy and safety.

Through extensive interviews with all parties, he prepares Family Reports which incorporate family history, allegations and concerns, risk factors, advice from government departments and other agencies, and recommendations which are in the best interests of the child/ren.

These reports are commissioned from several sources:

- Private Family Reports
- Legal Aid Reports commissioned by the Independent Children's Lawyer
- Reg7 Reports ordered by the Family Circuit Court
- Social Assessments commissioned by the Separate Representative for the Children's Court and /or the Queensland Civil Administration Tribunal (QCAT)
- Child-Inclusive Mediation

Sean Moriarty specialises in:

- Complex child protection matters
- International relocation matters involving the Hague Convention.
- Cultural sensitivity matters concerning Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families and communities

- Same-sex couples
- Matters involving a transgender parent
- Culturally diverse matters involving migrants and / refugees, often with the assistance of an interpreter
- Foster families, including the involvement of the Department of Child Safety

His comprehensive Family Reports assess issues including:

- Domestic Violence
- Mental Health Issues
- Family Dysfunction
- Child and Adolescent Development
- Attachment and Bonding
- Parent / Child Interactions
- Sibling Cohesiveness
- Education

His Family Reports:

- Include extensive interviews and research / reading of appropriate material
- Provide objective analysis of familial relationships
- Focus on pragmatic and practical suggestions to maximise the opportunities for the best outcomes for children and their parents or carers
- Provide recommendations to Legal Representatives
- Adhere to Best Practice Recommendations

Qualifications:

- **2013** **Diploma of Law**
Legal Profession Admission Board
University of Sydney
- **2002** **Family Consultant** appointed under the Family Law Act
- **1998** **Accredited Family Court Mediator**
Family Court of Australia
- **1983** **Bachelor of Social Work**
University of Queensland, Brisbane

Experience:

1999 – Present

Consultant Social Worker: Private Practice

- Provision of mediation and counselling services
- Preparation of Family Reports in interim and final hearings for the Family Court and the Federal Magistrates' Court
- Preparation of assessment reports for the Children's Court.

2012 Special responsibility – appeared as an **Expert Witness for the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry** under The Honourable Tim Carmody SC, Commissioner

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1997 – 1999

Family Court Counsellor: Gold Coast Sub-Registry

- Provision of counselling and mediation for Family Court clients prior to Court hearings
- Conducting joint conciliation conferences with a Family Court Registrar in relation to matters involving children and/or property
- Preparation of Family Reports in interim and final hearings as determined by the Court

1996 – 1997

School Counsellor (Japan)

- Employed by the Umaji-Mura Board of Education as a consultant for schools within the Aki area, Japan
- Offered this position due to previous experience in Japan and Japanese language skills
- Provided with leave from the Family Court
- Education Department Consultant in Kochi Province, Japan in relation to counselling of students and assisting teachers with problems involving students and their families.

1995 – 1996

Family Court Counsellor: Darwin Registry

- Provision of counselling and mediation for Family Court clients prior to Court hearings
- Conducting joint conciliation conferences with a Family Court Registrar in relation to matters involving children and/or property
- Preparation of Family Reports in interim and final hearings as determined by the Court

Extra Duties: Responsible for the circuit to Alice Springs involving casework and community liaison with isolated Aboriginal communities.

1994 – 1995

Family Court Counsellor: Brisbane Registry

- Provision of counselling and mediation for Family Court clients prior to Court hearings

- Conducting joint conciliation conferences with a Family Court Registrar in relation to matters involving children and/or property
- Preparation of Family Reports in interim and final hearings as determined by the Court

1993 – 1994

Marriage Counsellor at Relationships Australia, Brisbane

- Family therapy
- Individual, marital and relationship counselling

1990 - 1993

English Language Teacher (Japan)

1986 – 1989

Crisis Care Child Protection Worker

(After-hours Child Protection Unit of the Department of Family Services)

- **Manager of Volunteer Program**, including recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers to conduct after hours telephone counselling
- **Investigation and assessment of high priority child protection cases**
- Attendance at SCAN (Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect) inter-agency meetings
- Telephone counselling
- Assessment reports for Children's Court

1985 – 1987

Youth Worker: Windsor Youth Shelter, Brisbane

- Managed a shelter for homeless youth
- Provided crisis counselling for children and families
- Live-in on-site management of adolescents and young people at risk

1983 – 1985

Street Youth Worker: Gold Coast Youth Service

- Outreach social work program for homeless youth