

# SPORTS ARBITRATION: A CONVERSATION WITH THE FRONTRUNNERS

**PETER & KIM** invite you to join a unique and interactive event exploring the complexities of sporting disputes - from policy and governance to investigations, athlete welfare, corruption, doping and disciplinary matters. We will assess the structures and procedures in place to resolve these disputes by way of arbitration.

Our expert panel consists of leaders in the field, who will share their expertise and experience, including some war stories, obtained from operating at the forefront of these issues:

**MODERATOR:**

**Alexis Schoeb**, (Partner, Peter & Kim)

**PANEL:**

- **Jacqui Partridge**, Lawyer; Head of Integrity, Cricket Australia
- **Bronwen Knox OLY**, Lawyer; Olympian; Deputy Chef de mission (Australia) Paris 2024; National Sports Tribunal member
- **Richard Vaughan OLY**, Vice-President Badminton World Federation, Olympian
- **Anthony Lo Surdo SC**, Arbitrator, Court of Arbitration for Sport; Football Australia Appeal Panel and Disciplinary and Ethics Committee; National Sports Tribunal member

We look forward to you joining us for relaxed refreshments followed by the panel discussion with our expert speakers.



Alexis Schoeb



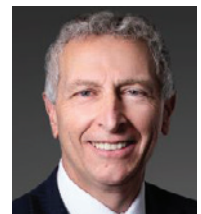
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**EVENT DETAILS:**

**Wednesday, 16 October 2024**

*Registration:* 12pm, with a light lunch served

*Event time:* 12:30pm to 2pm (AEST)

*Location:* Dexus Place, Level 31, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

*RSVP:* By Monday, 7 October 2024 to [aaw@peterandkim.com](mailto:aaw@peterandkim.com)

# SPEAKERS

## ALEXIS SCHOEB

Alexis Schoeb is a partner of Peter & Kim. A Swiss-qualified lawyer based in Sydney, Alexis has extensive experience both as an arbitrator and as counsel in complex commercial and sports arbitration proceedings.

With over 20 years of expertise, he has advised and represented individuals, companies, and international sports organizations in high-stakes international commercial and sports disputes. His clientele includes high-profile athletes, agents, and some of Europe's most prominent football clubs such as FC Barcelona, Real Madrid and Panathinaikos.

Alexis has served as counsel in over 80 cases before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), FIFA and UEFA tribunals and other international sporting tribunals. His experience includes contractual disputes, transfer, match-fixing, antidoping, disciplinary and Olympic games selection disputes.

From 2018 to 2024, Alexis was a member of the CAS list of arbitrators, during which time he was appointed in nearly 100 CAS proceedings. Additionally, he has acted as an arbitrator in over 20 cases before arbitral tribunals constituted under the auspices of various international sports federations, including UK Sport Resolution, UCI, AIBA, and FIVB.

## JACQUI PARTRIDGE

Jacqui was appointed Head of Integrity at Cricket Australia (CA) in 2021. Jacqui has 18+ years' experience in private legal practice, government regulatory and media and sports administration bodies encompassing integrity, governance, commercial law, litigation, media rights and company secretarial. Former roles within the sports industry include Senior Lawyer with Racing Victoria, GM Commercial and Legal with Racing.com, contracting to a legal firm to submit a bid in the 2018 (then) FFA expansion, and Senior Legal Counsel Media Rights, Broadcast and Digital with CA.

As Head of Integrity Jacqui is responsible for Codes of Behaviour, Anti-Doping, Anti-Corruption and Competition

Assurance. CA has its own Commission that deals with on-field issues as well as off-field matters.

## BRONWEN KNOX OLY

Bron Knox OLY four-time Olympian and admitted Legal Practitioner. With a robust academic background in law, science, and public health, she has a strong focus on integrity in sport and athlete well-being. Bronwen serves as the National Integrity and Complaints Manager for multiple national sporting organisations and is a member of the National Sports Tribunal. In addition, she holds several advisory and board roles, specialist coach for water polo high performance program in QLD and was appointed as Deputy Chef de Mission for the Paris 2024 Australian Olympic Team.

## RICHARD VAUGHAN OLY

Richard Vaughan brings extensive experience across the world of badminton and beyond, having served as a player, athletes' commission representative, performance director, and CEO within various sports organizations. As a former world-class badminton player, Richard achieved a career-high ranking of world No. 7 in men's singles, earning European and Commonwealth Games bronze medals, and proudly represented Great Britain at both the Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Beyond his playing career, Richard was a member of the British Olympic Association's Athlete Commission (2002–2008). After retiring in 2008, he transitioned into the commercial sector, serving as Commercial Lead for the digital company K3, before moving into executive leadership. He became CEO of Badminton Ireland (2011–2015) and later CEO of Squash Australia (2015–2021).

Since leaving Squash Australia, Richard has taken on multiple consulting roles and served as a Non-Executive Director for Equestrian Australia (2021–2023). He now serves as Vice President at the Badminton World Federation while pursuing a PhD focused on athlete experiences with the anti-doping system, supported by a Sport Integrity

Australia scholarship at the University of Canberra.

Richard holds a BSc in International Economics and Politics, an MA in Coach Education and Development from Bath University, an MBA from Leicester University.

## ANTHONY LO SURDO sc, FCIARB

Anthony Lo Surdo SC is a barrister, independent arbitrator, mediator and expert determiner with a national and international practice based in Sydney.

He is a panel member of several leading world arbitral institutions including LCIA, QICCA, ADGM, DIAC, AIAC, THAC, SIAC, HKIAC, SAC, KCAB, JCAA, and ACICA. He has been described by Doyles Guide as a leading Australian arbitration silk, 2018-2024, primarily in recognition of his work as an arbitrator. He has been appointed as arbitrator to over 100 domestic and international procedures.

He is accredited as an advanced mediator in Australia and certified as a mediator by the International Mediation Institute, the Singapore International Mediation Institute and by the Supreme and National Courts of PNG. He has been described by Doyles Guide, 2017-2024, as a leading mediator having mediated hundreds of disputes.

Anthony is an Arbitrator and Mediator with the Court of Arbitration for Sport and an inaugural member of the National Sports Tribunal. He is a member of the Football Australia (FA) Appeals Committee, Co-Chair of the FA Disciplinary and Ethics Committee, Deputy Chair of the FA Dispute Resolution Chamber, Chair of the Football NSW Appeals Tribunal, the Acting Racing Appeals Tribunal (NSW) and a member of the hearing and appeals panels of Basketball Australia. He is a former member of the English FA Judiciary Panel and Sports Resolutions (UK) International Panel. He served as Disciplinary Counsel for the National Rugby League. Anthony has also appeared as Counsel for athletes and sports associations in anti-doping, disciplinary, regulatory and governance disputes.