

Mark McGinness

Director, International Relations



Mr Mark McGinness joined the DFSA in August 2005 to establish the DFSA's office of International Relations. He leads and co-ordinates the DFSA's international activity, which includes responsibility for the DFSA's network of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU).

He has drafted and negotiated more than 80 MoUs, underlying the DFSA's commitment to cross-border co-operation. For three years from April 2011, he assumed the additional role of Secretary to the DFSA Board.

Mr McGinness has over 30 years of regulatory experience. He worked as a State Prosecutor before joining the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) in 1991. At ASIC, he was successively Principal Legal Officer in Enforcement; the inaugural Co-ordinator of International Enforcement; advisor to the Chairman; Director, International Relations and a member of the Senior Executive Service. Mr McGinness was ASIC's representative on the global securities standard-setter, the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) Implementation and multi-lateral MoU taskforces and its Enforcement standing committee.

Mr McGinness is currently a member of IOSCO's Assessment Committee, sits as a lead validator on the MMOU Signatories Working Group of the IAIS and also represents the DFSA at the audit oversight standard-setter, the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators. In 2004 and 2013, he was a member of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Financial Sector Assessment Programme (FSAP) team.

Mr McGinness holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws (University of Queensland) and is admitted as a Barrister in Australia.