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Arjuna has over 30 years' experience in government policy, services trade negotiations, international services competitiveness policy, and in domestic regulatory reform. In his most recent role in the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), he led the development and implementation of domestic policy and international initiatives to streamline the two-way movement professionals and professional services.

Arjuna was instrumental in driving the liberalisation of professional services agenda in Australia and internationally through the World Trade Organisation's General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS), including as Chair of the Group on Legal Services under the GATS. He was the Director of Australia's International Legal Services Advisory Council (ILSAC) from 2006 to 2012, where he also led initiatives on the recognition of Australia's law degrees overseas and promoting the internationalisation of law qualifications in Australia.

He was the inaugural Director of Transnational Practice at the Law Council of Australia, the country's peak body for the legal profession and subsequently worked as a consultant on trade in services, prior to re-joining DFAT to lead the development and implementation of a joint public-private sector services export strategy for Australia with a focus on keeping Australia's services sector internationally competitive.

More recently, under Arjuna's leadership, several professional services and mutual recognition related initiatives were introduced into the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) agenda that have been welcome by APEC economies.

Arjuna was appointed as Chair/Convenor of APEC's Group on Services for the calendar year 2021; he was a member of Engineers Australia's International Advisory Panel from 2022 to March 2024; and is currently (2023 to 2025) a member of the ACT 'State' Committee of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA).

Arjuna holds a Bachelor of Arts (Policy Studies) with majors in economics, public policy and politics and a Masters in International Law, both from the Australian National University. He commenced his career in Sri Lanka as a Wildlife Ranger prior to migrating to Australia in 1985 and now lives in Canberra.