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CURRICULUM VITAE

DEGREES: BA (Hons), LLB (Syd), BCL (Oxon)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1 July 1988 - Admitted as a Solicitor in New South Wales
24 May 1991 – Admitted as a Practitioner in the Federal and High Courts of Australia
2 April 1996 – Admitted as a Solicitor in England & Wales
26 February 1999 – Admitted as a Barrister-at-Law in New South Wales
23 August 2019 – Registered Foreign Lawyer, Singapore International Commercial Court
Appointed Senior Counsel October 2013

EMPLOYMENT

March 1999 to date: Barrister-at-law, 6th Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers, Phillip Street, Sydney, and from September 2018, at 9th Floor Wentworth Chambers, 180 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000

1998 to 1999: Senior Associate *Phillips Fox*/Seconded to *Crown Solicitor's Office* for Federal Court litigation.

1995 to 1998 Solicitor *Rowe & Maw (London)*
Insurance litigation, Lloyd's Building office

1991 to 1995 Solicitor (Senior Associate from 1993) *Phillips Fox*
Insurance Litigation

1989 to 1991 Solicitor *Minter Ellison*
Property, Insurance Litigation, Commercial Litigation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Areas of practice at the Bar:

- insurance law
- trade practices law
- professional indemnity/public liability actions
- personal injuries claims, mainly defence work
- construction/building claims/ references and arbitrations
- general commercial and equity work
- employment law

- *Workplace Relations Act/Fair Work Act* applications and prosecutions
- *Family Provisions Act/Succession Act* claims
- defamation

Previous areas of practice as a solicitor (1988-1998):

Insurance litigation (Australia and UK): mainly professional indemnity and public liability insurance litigation, including LawCover claims.

Property: domestic and commercial conveyancing; commercial leasing; sale and purchase of businesses; negotiating and advising on commercial leases on behalf of corporate owners of large commercial property portfolios including shopping centres, office blocks and factory premises.

General litigation: general commercial claims, including defamation, advising universities in employment disputes, and litigation concerning the ordination of women as priests. Participation in successful multi-party mediations and court ordered settlement conferences.

Insolvency: bankruptcy and winding-up; advising liquidators and receivers; acting for both companies and individuals threatened with insolvency and for liquidators and receivers appointed on winding up of companies; winding up applications and bankruptcy applications.

Advocacy: I frequently conducted my own interlocutory court applications as a solicitor in the Local Court, District Court of NSW, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the UK High Court in London, including notices of motion, practice management hearings, costs applications, security for costs applications, adjournment applications, discovery applications, summary judgement and strike out applications.

Other interests

1990 to 2003	Law Reporting Australian Law Reports, All England Law Reports, Federal Law Reports and Federal Court Reports
2012 – 2018	Member of a Professional Conduct Committee of the NSW Bar Association
2001 to 2004	NSW Soccer Federation/Soccer NSW Ltd, Appeals Board , Chairman. (and acted as counsel assisting General Purposes Tribunal)
1999 to 2002	Anglo-Australasian Lawyers' Society , Treasurer and Committee Member. (Continuing member).
2000-2001	Constitutional Centenary Foundation , Committee Member
2007 to 2016	Floor Secretary, Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers (Director and Secretary, Sixth Floor Limited)

Reported cases appeared in

- Cinevest Pty Ltd v Yirandi Productions Ltd* (1999) A Def R [53,050] (defamation) (led by T Hale SC)
- Cinevest Pty Ltd v Yirandi Productions Ltd* (2001) Aust Torts Rep 81-610 (defamation) (Court of Appeal) (led by T Hale SC)
- Kabushiki Kaisha Sony Computer Entertainment v Stevens* (2003) 132 FCR 31 (Full Court) (copyright) [also appeared at first instance: [2002] FCA 906; (2002) 55 IPR 497]
- Whitehead v Whitehead* [2002] NSW ConvR 56-045 (real property, s 66G applications)
- QBE Mercantile Mutual Ltd v Hammer Waste Pty Ltd* (2004) ANZIC 61-586 (insurance) [also appeared at first instance: (2003) 12 ANZIC 61-553]
- Rap Pty Ltd v Watkins Tapsell* (2004) 1 DCLR (NSW) 245 (valuer's negligence)
- Helmos Enterprises Pty Ltd v Jaylor Pty Ltd* (2005) 12 BPR 23,021 (Court of Appeal) (contract) (led by M Walton SC)
- Portal Software International v Bodsworth* (2005) 58 AILR 200-211 (restraint of trade)
- Kearney v Crepaldi* (2006) 58 AILR 200-224 (restraint of trade)
- Hadgkiss v CFMEU* (2006) 152 FCR 560 (s 38 cross-examination)
- CFMEU v Hadgkiss* (2007) 169 FCR 151, (2007) 173 IR 360 (industrial law)
- Green v CGU Insurance Limited* (2008) 66 ACSR 398 (insurance, insolvent trading) (led by D Davies SC)
- Green v CGU Insurance Ltd* (2008) 67 ACSR 105 (Court of Appeal) (security for costs) (Led by D Davies SC)
- Hadgkiss v CFMEU (No 5)* (2008) 178 IR 123 (industrial law) (Led by J Fernon SC)
- Hadgkiss v CFMEU* (2008) 166 FCR 376, (2008) 170 IR 100, [2008] FCAFC 22 (industrial law) (led by J Fernon SC)
- Alfred v Wakelin (No 2)* (2008) 176 IR 430 (industrial law) (led by R Goot SC)
- Construction, Mining, Forestry and Energy Union v Hadgkiss* (2009) 174 FCR 237 (industrial law)
- Alfred v Wakelin (No 3)* (2009) 179 IR 76 (industrial law) (led by R Goot SC)
- Friend v Brooker* (2009) 83 ALJR 724; 239 CLR 129, 255 ALR 601 (equitable contribution, fiduciary duties) (led by B Walker SC)
- Haviv Holdings Pty Ltd v Howards Storage World Pty Ltd* (2009) 254 ALR 273 (trade practices) (led by M Christie)
- Dale v Veda Advantage Information Services and Solutions Ltd* (2009) 176 FCR 456 (negligence and defamation) (led by B McClintock SC)
- Alfred v Wakelin (No 4)* (2009) 180 IR 335 (industrial law) (led by R Goot SC)
- Nau v Kemp & Associates Pty Ltd* (2010) 77 NSWLR 687 (effect of settlement against one tortfeasor) (led by A Leopold SC)
- Metcash v Jardim (No 3)* (2010) 273 ALR 407 (restraint of trade) (led by J Fernon SC)
- Jardin v Metcash Limited* (2011) 214 IR 448; 285 ALR 677 (restraint of trade) (led by J Fernon SC)
- Ecolab Pty Ltd v Garland* (2011) 216 IR 410 (restraint of trade) (led by J Fernon SC)

BIS Industries v Toll Holdings (2012) 228 IR 284 (restraints of trade)
Ninan v St George Bank Ltd (2012) 294 ALR 190 (security for costs)
Director of Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate v Boulderstone Pty Ltd (2014) 284 FLR 403 (industrial law)
Stratton Finance v Webb (2014) 245 IR 223, (2014) 314 ALR 166 (Full Court) (contract law)
Casaclang v Wealthsure Pty Ltd (2015) 107 ACSR 274 (Corporations Act, financial services)
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner v Parker (2017) 266 IR 340 (industrial law)
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner v Parker (No 2) (2017) 270 IR 165 (civil penalties)

Selection of unreported cases

Bashford v Information Australia (Newsletters) Pty Ltd [2001] NSWCA 470 (defamation) (led by T Hale SC)
Howland-Rose v Commissioner of Taxation [2002] FCA 246 (taxation) (led by D Bloom QC)
Sydney United Football Club v Soccer NSW [2005] NSWSC 474 (administrative law) (led by T Bathurst QC)
Echo Publications Pty Ltd v Tucker [2007] NSWCA 73 (defamation) (special leave refused)
Hristoforidis v Fair Trading Administration Corporation [2007] NSWSC 1243 (administrative law) (led by J Griffiths SC)
P & H Property Services Pty Ltd v Branigan [2008] NSWCA 195 (personal injury)
A I McLean Pty Ltd v Hayson [2008] NSWSC 927 (professional negligence) (led by D Davies SC)
Al-Shennag v Statewide Roads Limited [2008] NSWCA 300 (defamation)
Bailey v Veda Advantage Information Services (No 2) [2008] FCA 730 (trade practices) (led by B McClintock SC)
Wilson v Interhealth Energies Pty Limited [2008] NSWSC 1137 (equitable jurisdiction)
Eko Investments Pty Ltd v Austrac Constructions Limited [2009] NSWSC 208 (review of referees' reports) (led by M Rudge SC)
Artistic Builders Pty Limited v Nash [2010] NSWSC 1442 (professional negligence) (led by D Fagan SC)
Montage Group Pty Ltd v Wong (No 2) [2011] NSWSC 774 (statutory demand)
McClymont v Critchley [2011] NSWSC 493 (trade practices, negligence)
Al-Shennag v Bankstown City Council (No 2) [2011] NSWIRComm 22 (implied undertaking in relation to documents)
Konstantopoulos v R M Beechey Carriers Pty Ltd [2011] NSWCA 388 (leases)
Walker v Veda Advantage Information Services [2011] QSC 316 (defamation and negligence)
Cordon Investments v Lesdor Properties [2012] NSWCA 184 (contracts/building and construction) (led by T Hale SC)

Hull v Brailey [2012] NSWSC 980 (financial advice/negligence)
Orchard Holdings v Paxhill [2012] WASC 271 (real estate agent negligence/ trade practices)
Saffron v Conley [2012] NSWSC 1108 (Estates/Family Provision)
Allan v The Migration Institute of Australia [2012] NSWSC 965 (Defamation/Injunctions)
Marshin Holdings v Attorney-General of NSW [2013] NSWSC 326 (trusts)
Larsson v Wealthsure Pty Ltd [2013] FCA 926 (representative proceedings)
Parker v City of Bankstown RSL Community Club Ltd [2014] NSWSC 772 (personal injury)
Parker v City of Bankstown SL Club Ltd [2015] NSWCA 246 (personal injury)
Tzaneros Investments v Walker Group Constructions [2016] NSWSC 50 (building and construction)
CFMEU v De Martin & Gasparini (No 2) [2017] FCA 1046 (industrial law)
Manly Property Holdings v Lisker [2017] NSWSC 1395 (equity)
Owners Corporation SP 80609 v Paragon Constructions [2018] NSWSC 266 (cross-claims)
CFMEU v De Martin & Gasparini (No 3) [2018] FCA 1395 (civil penalty)
Westpork Pty Ltd v Bio-Organics Pty Ltd [2018] WASC 291 (contract)
Boros v Pages Property Investments [2018] NSWCA 269 (abuse of process)
Parker v Australian Building and Construction Commission [2019] FCAFC 56 (industrial law)
Australian Building and Construction Commissioner v CFMMEU [2019] FCA 998 (cross-claims)
CGI Glass Lewis v Vasey [2019] NSWSC 794 (restraint of trade)

Publications

God - Is She Above the Law? Public Interest Law Conference Papers 1992,
Property Damage Revisited Global Reinsurance, Vol 5 Issue 5, July/Aug 1996;
Indemnity for the costs of reducing or avoiding a claim (1997) 8 Insurance Law Journal 264;
The Republic and Civic Virtue, Quadrant, April 1997.
 Chapter on “Declarations” in Butterworths, *Principles of Practice and Procedure* Service.
Civil Penalties No Deterrence in Industrial Litigation, Law Society Journal, May 2017
The Legal Crisis Behind the Hong Kong Protests, Quadrant, September 2019

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