

Professional Summary

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INTRODUCTION

I was admitted as a solicitor of the NSW Supreme Court in 2006, the High Court of Australia in 2008, and called to the NSW Bar in 2010. I appear in numerous areas of civil law across all jurisdictions and jury trials for serious indictable offences. Since 2001, my career has spanned across financial, regulatory and legal sectors. I am married with two daughters and live on a property in Spring Terrace, Orange. I appear in courts across regional NSW.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- ❖ Appellate Matters
- ❖ Commercial Law
- ❖ Constitutional and Administrative Law
- ❖ Consumer Law
- ❖ Coronial Inquests and Inquiries
- ❖ Corporations and Insolvency Law
- ❖ Criminal Law - jury trials
- ❖ Employment Law
- ❖ Environmental and Planning Law (including Local Government and Water Law)
- ❖ Equity and Trusts Law
- ❖ Family Law (including Children's Law)
- ❖ Real Property Law

Examples of the variety of civil matters include:

- International relocation of children in family law proceedings under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) (**Family Court of Australia**), International Child Protection Convention, turning on where the children were 'habitually resident'
- Alteration of property interests in family law proceedings, concerning trust assets and financial agreements under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) (**Family Court of Australia**)

- Appeal concerning who is a 'resident' for eligibility for election to local government council under the *Local Government Act 1983* (NSW) (**NCAT and Court of Appeal**) - appeared for the applicant in first instance and was successful, unsuccessful on appeal in the Court of Appeal and an application for special leave to appeal in the High Court of Australia was refused
- Breach of director's duties and insolvent trading under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Supreme Court**)
- Members' rights and derivative action for shareholders under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Supreme Court**)
- Declaratory relief concerning intergenerational transfer of property, right to reside for life, and trusts (**NCAT and Supreme Court**)
- Declaratory relief concerning the validity of the exercise of an option to renew a commercial lease (**Supreme Court**)
- Breach of contract concerning non-acceptance of repudiation of contract (**Supreme Court**)
- Wrongful dismissal and breach of employment contract at general law (**Supreme Court**)
- Actions in insolvency on winding up applications under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Federal Court**)
- Recovery orders on interim application in family law proceedings under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth) (**Federal Magistrates Court**)
- Administrative law appeal concerning denial of natural justice in the lower court (**District Court**)
- Child care and protection appeals (**District Court**)
- Counsel for the deceased - coronial inquiry concerning patient suicide in care of the Bloomfield Mental Health Hospital (**Orange Coroners Court**)
- Breach of contract concerning partnerships and quantum meruit (**Local Court**)
- Forfeiture of deposit under a contract for sale of land (**Local Court**)
- Financial management order applications pursuant to the *Guardianship Act 1987* (NSW) (**Guardianship Tribunal**)

Examples of the variety of criminal matters include:

- Counsel for the lead offender concerning the supply of a large commercial quantity and commercial quantity of methylamphetamine pursuant to the *Drugs Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985* (NSW) (inclusive of firearms offences) (**Special fixture sitting of the District Court**)
- Counsel for the defendant concerning aggravated sexual assault pursuant to the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) (**District Court**)
- Counsel for the defendant concerning aggravated break and enter and commit serious indictable offence pursuant to the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) (**District Court**)
- Junior counsel assisting the defence in a matter concerning indecent assault pursuant to the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) (**District Court**)
- Junior counsel assisting the defence in a matter concerning aggravated break and enter and wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm pursuant to the *Crimes Act 1900* (NSW) (**District Court**)

- Junior counsel assisting the prosecution in a matter concerning the importation of a controlled drug pursuant to the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) (**District Court**)
- Counsel for the appellant concerning appeal of an ADVO order under the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007* (NSW) (**District Court**)
- Counsel for the defendant concerning possession of prohibited drugs pursuant to the *Drugs Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985* (NSW) (**Local Court**)
- Counsel for the defendant concerning driving under the influence of prohibited drugs pursuant to *Roads Transport Act 2013* (NSW) (**Local Court**)

QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

- (2010) Barrister-at-Law (*NSW Bar Association*)
- (2006) Graduate Diploma Legal Practice (*College of Law*)
- (2005) LLB (Hons) (*Macquarie University*)
 - Division of Law prize for Criminology (2005)
 - 1st in International law examinations (2005)
 - Golden Keys International Honours Award (2003)
- (1998) Graduate Certificate in Management (*Southern Qld University, by research*)
- (1995) Bachelor of Business (*University of Newcastle*)
- (1989) HSC (*Sydney Grammar School, school prefect 1988-1989*)

EMPLOYMENT

- (2010) Barrister-at-Law, NSW Bar Association
- (2007) Lawyer, Corporate Advisory Group (*Blake Dawson Waldron - Ashurst*)
- (2004) Lawyer, Financial Services and Corporate Finance, Regulation Directorate (*ASIC*)
- (2003) Manager Alliances, Westpac Business Banking (*Westpac Bank*)
- (2001) Regulatory Compliance Manager, Westpac Business Services

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- (2013-2016) Central West Rugby Union, Judiciary Committee
- (2013) Central West Law Society
- (2010) NSW Bar Association member
- (2010) NSW/ACT Freemasons
- (2005-2008) Law Council of Australia Corporations Committee
- (2004-2008) Law Society of NSW Business Law Committee
- (2002-2008) NSW Young Lawyers

EXAMPLES OF OPINIONS AND SUBMISSIONS

- Statutory interpretation of s. 44 of the Commonwealth Constitution, eligibility for the Senate and House of Representatives - Presentation to the Orana Law Society (2018)
- Water law in NSW - NSW Bar Association CPD presentation (2014), and presentation to the Orana Law Society (2014)

- Statutory interpretation, principles and cases - presentation to the Central West Law Society (2014)
- On-line auctions, parties to and formation of contract (2014)
- Eligibility to bring a family provision claim, concerning dependency and provision of domestic support and personal care for a fee and reward (2013)
- The non-delegable duty of care and vicarious liability of schools and school authorities (2013)
- Unlawful termination of contract and non-acceptance of repudiation (2013)
- Parenting orders in interstate family law proceedings (2011)
- Statutory operation of s 90 *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* (NSW) in child care and protection s 90 applications on appeal (2012)
- Criminality of conspiracy and money laundering under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) (*The Queen v LK; The Queen v RK*) (2011)
- Constitutional law and the extra-territorial operation of *Gaming Machines Act 2001* (NSW) (2011)
- *A Practitioner's Guide to Corporate Law* (published by NSW Young Lawyers, 2nd ed. 2007)
- "Shareholder Claims Against Insolvent Companies: Implications of the *Sons of Gwalia* decision," (submitted to the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee, December 2007)
- "ASIC Position and Consultation Paper - Insider Trading," (submitted to Australian Securities and Investments Commission, June 2007);
- "Review of Sanctions in Corporate Law," (submitted to Corporations and Financial Services Division, Treasury, April 2007);
- "Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee Discussion Paper - Personal Liability for Corporate Fault," (submitted to Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee, August 2005)
- "Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee Discussion Paper - Corporate Duties Below Board Level," (submitted to Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee, August 2005)