

Curriculum Vitae

Dominic Beckett – July 2010

Personal Details

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Current position

Chalk & Fitzgerald, Lawyers and Consultants - Consultant

This position has been held since July 2010

My practice in this position includes:

- Native title claim proceedings
- Appeal proceedings under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW)
- Administrative law proceedings
- Advising Aboriginal Land Councils and native title service providers in relation to the performance of their functions
- Development of strategies and policy for Aboriginal Land Councils
- Advising on law reform in relation to Aboriginal land issues
- Commercial and property negotiations and drafting

Previous positions

Chalk & Fitzgerald, Lawyers and Consultants

Partner

2008 – June 2010

Senior solicitor

2001 - 2008

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Australian Government Solicitor, Sydney – Principal solicitor

2000 to 2001

My practice included:

- Taxation liability and recovery proceedings and advice
- Administrative law proceedings
- Child Support enforcement proceedings

Sole practitioner, Darwin

1999 to 2000

Practice included:

- Administrative law proceedings for the Northern Territory Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee
- Advice and commercial work for the Northern Land Council
- Locum criminal law work for the Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission

Northern Land Council, Darwin – Legal adviser

1997 to 1999

Practice included:

- Conduct of Aboriginal land claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*
- Conduct of native title claim proceedings

- Advising and negotiations in relation to uranium mining and other resource development projects
- Regional policy development
- Administrative law and other civil law proceedings

Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission, Darwin and Katherine – Solicitor

1996 to 1997

Practice included:

- Representing clients in criminal proceedings
- Advising clients in relation to civil and criminal matters

Australian Government Solicitor, Sydney – Solicitor

1993 to 1996

Practice included:

- Revenue recovery proceedings
- Civil (Customs) prosecutions
- Administrative law proceedings
- Criminal (customs and quarantine) prosecutions
- Advisings
- Child Support recovery proceedings

NSW Community Justice Centres – Mediator

1990 to 1995

Mediation of a range of commercial, family and relationship, and neighbourhood disputes.

Education and qualifications

University of Sydney

Bachelor of Arts – 1990

Bachelor of Laws (Hon.s) – 1993

NSW Community Justice Centres

Mediator training course – 1990

Memberships

Law Society of NSW

Australian Institute of Administrative Law