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### **QUALIFICATIONS**

Analytical, experienced legal specialist in advocacy and court representation. Experienced advocate in High Court, Federal Court, Supreme Court, District Court and Federal and State Magistrates Court. Experienced advocate in administrative tribunals in New South Wales. Experience in administrative law, succession law and equity. Accredited mediator. Solid background in matters of insolvency, family law and domestic/international human rights law, care and protection law, in human rights, native title and children's law. Excellent negotiations skills, research and writing skills. Strong organisational skills, teamwork and communication skills. Adapts quickly to new environment and thrives on multiple tasks. Fluent in English.

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- Position:*** ***Barrister-at-Law, New South Wales***  
**Employer:** SOLE TRADER  
**Period:** 26<sup>TH</sup> April 2005 – currently.  
**Duties:** Provide legal advice and courtroom advocacy to clients. Practising in all fields of law with principal practice areas being, equity, administrative law, wills, estate and *Succession Act* matters, common law and personal injury, family law and children's law, native title law, discrimination and human rights law.  
Accredited mediator Australian Disputes Centre.
- Position:*** ***Part-time Senior Legal Member of the National Civil and Administrative Tribunal***  
**Period:** 2015 – 2016
- Position:*** ***Part-time Senior Legal Member of the Administrative Decisions Tribunal***  
**Period:** 2010 – 2014

***Position: Part-time lecturer***

Employer: UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY, Sydney AUSTRALIA

Period: 2011 - 2014

Duties: Part-time lecture in Evidence and Criminal Procedure and Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibilities.

***Position: Part-time lecturer***

Employer: UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, Sydney AUSTRALIA

Period: 2 semesters in 2006, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2007

Duties: Part-time lecture in Practice and Procedure. Assist in development of Practice and Procedure course with the incorporation of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005*.

***Position: CROC project co-ordinator***

Employer: NATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LAW CENTRE

Period: January 2005 – April 2005.

Duties: Co-ordinate and author Australian Non-Government Organisation response to the Australian Federal Government's report to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child concerning Australia's compliance with the CROC in the last 10yrs. This report was tabled before the United Nations in Geneva in September 2005.

***Position: Principal Solicitor***

Employer: NATIONAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH LAW CENTRE

Period: December 2003 – January 2005.

Duties: Provide legal advice, advocacy and casework services for children and young people across Australia. Conduct and facilitate strategic litigation throughout Australia across the children's rights field in accordance with the NCYLC public interest litigation guidelines, including juvenile justice, care and protection, welfare rights, education and anti-discrimination.

Identify innovative legal strategies and opportunities for effective legal intervention or litigation. Assist in the development of the Centre's legal and information resources including the Lawstuff interactive legal information website.

Conduct domestic and international law and policy research concerning the human rights of children and young people. Supervise staff including volunteer law students, social work students and law clerks and other solicitors.

**Position:** *Principal Legal Officer*

Employer: CAPE YORK LAND COUNCIL, CAIRNS

Period: September 1997 – March 2001.

Duties: Provide legal counsel, advice and assistance to the Cape York Land Council (CYLC), in matters of indigenous human rights, State and Commonwealth native title and Aboriginal land rights law and legislation and corporate compliance with the Native Title Act 1992. Conduct complex negotiations and hearings in all relevant courts and Tribunals. Provide ongoing advice and assistance to the CYLC constituency concerning land related matters and undertake extensive community liaison and community education activities. Negotiate complex resource, mining and land use agreement as the representative of the peoples of Western Cape York Peninsula resulting in, as one example, the Wik and Wik-Way and Rio Tinto Comlaco ILUA in 2001.

**Position:** *Solicitor*

Employer: CRADDOCK MURRAY & NEUMANN SOLICITORS

Period: May 1996 – May 1997

Duties: Provide advice, research and preparations of claimant applications and mediations under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Research, preparation and advice for native title claimant applicants including the Githabul, Wangkumara, and Euahlay-i peoples.  
General advice and representation in the areas of discrimination law and criminal law.

**Position:** *Senior Case Manager*

Employer: NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL, SYDNEY REGISTRY  
Commonwealth Government.

Period: 1995 - 1996

Duties: Manage native title applications and Indigenous Land Use Agreements under the *Native Title Act* 1993 (Cth), including conferences, inquiries and mediations. Undertake research relevant to individual applications. Research and prepare

advices to Members of the NNTT. Assist in the development and implementation of NNTT administrative procedure and policy.

**Position:** *Legal Officer*

Employer: LEGAL AID COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES, PARRAMATTA  
New South Wales State Government.

Period: 1994 - 1995

Duties: Preparation of and appearance in summary court hearings, pleas and bail applications. District Court appeal matters. Advice to clients in all areas of criminal law.

**Position:** *Legal Officer*

Employer: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, TOWNSVILLE.  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN UNIT – 3 month pilot project.

Period: 1994

Duties: Preparation of District Court prosecutions. Appearance work in pleas of guilty and District Court Appeals. Implementation of guidelines in carriage of matters concerning violence against women and children.

**Position:** *Legal Officer*

Employer: ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LEGAL SERVICE,  
TOWNSVILLE.

Period: **1992-1994**

Duties: Preparation of and appearance in summary court hearings, pleas and bail applications. Advice to clients in all areas of criminal law. Appearance work in pleas of guilty in the District and Supreme Court and District and Supreme Court Appeals. Preparation of Supreme Court and District Court defended matters.

## **EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **University of New South Wales**

Bachelor of Law 1992.

Master of Arts 1988.

Bachelor of Arts 1987.

### **PROFESSIONAL STATUS**

19 February 2019	Nationally Accredited mediator
26 April 2005	Called to the Bar in New South Wales, Australia.
29 September 1992	Admitted to practise in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia.
13 September 1992	Admitted to practise in the Supreme Court of Queensland, Australia.
Editor	Lexus-Nexis Infants and Minors Forms and precedents

### **STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS**

Part-time Senior Legal Member *Administrative Decision Tribunal* 2010 – 2014.  
Part-time Senior Legal Member *National Civil and Administrative Tribunal* 2015 – 2016.

### **AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Bar Association of New South Wales.  
Member Bar Association of New South Wales Bar Council 2009, 2010  
Member, Women Lawyers Association of New South Wales.  
Contributing case note author to the Lexis Nexis Civil Procedure News, New South Wales.

### **COMPANY APPOINTMENTS**

Secretary, NSW School Band Festival Ltd ACN 135 450 761  
<http://www.schoolbandfestival.org.au/>

Board Member Women's Legal Services NSW