

Curriculum Vitae – Toshi Weller-Wong

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Education:

Tertiary: March 2010 – June 2015: Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Communications (Social Inquiry) at the University of Technology, Sydney.

Secondary: February 2003 – November 2008: Higher School Certificate at the Hunter School of Performing Arts.

Post-Admission Employment History:

11/2019 to Present – Solicitor (Grade IV indictable) Legal Aid NSW, Dubbo

- Maintaining a diverse indictable matters practice, including clients charged with offences such as, murder, sexual assault (both adult and children), historical sexual assault, complex fraud, drug matters, diving occasioning death, and others.
- District Court Advocacy including instructing in trials, sentences, conviction appeals, and severity appeals.
- Maintenance of civil matters such as actions against police officers, AVOs, stays of proceedings, forensic procedures, applications to return property, discharges under mental health legislations, and fitness enquiries.
- Maintaining a full Local Court practice in Dubbo and Mudgee.
- Managing the Mudgee Local Court practice 2 weeks a month when it sits as a circuit court.
- Supervising two grade I-III solicitors.
- Day-to-day list work and appearing for fresh custodies.

06/2016 to 11/2019 – Solicitor with the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd, Bourke and Dubbo Offices

- Initially intermediate solicitor, then took on EAGP lawyer position.
- Local Court advocacy including hearings, bail, sentences, list work.
- District Court advocacy including sentences, conviction appeals, severity appeals and instructing in trials.
- Managing an EAGP practice of in excess of 20 matters whilst also maintaining a fulltime Local Court practice.
- Supervisor/mentor to junior solicitors.
- Supervisor of Wellington Local Court which included community engagement exercises with other organisations and the community.

Pre-Admission Employment History:

01/2015 to 05/2015 – Intern for the Office of the Co-Prosecutors at the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Tribunal (Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia):

- Evidential analysis, drafting appeal grounds, drafting submissions, witness preparation assisting in trial, and legal research.

08/2012 to 07/2015 – Para-Legal for the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT):

- Assisting lawyers in trial, legal research; liaising with clients and witnesses; preparing legal documents; preparing Supreme Court bail applications, research for sentencing submissions and trials.

03/2014 to 07/2014 – Intern for the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council

- Worked on one major project researching and preparing a report on the usage of certain land in rural New South Wales and the applicability of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983) to that land.

03/2014 to 09/2014 – Edwards Michael Lawyers

- Legal research, drafting articles for the website, court document management, file management, and attending court.

10/2013 –Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

- Assigned to Mark Tedeschi AM QC in the case of *R v Gittany* (2013), research; and attending trials with Crown Prosecutors.

Conferences and Papers

- ‘*I’m New Here, What Do I Do?*’ – Aboriginal Legal Service Western Conference June 2023
- “*Self-Dogging: s.23 CSPA getting the most out of those full and frank admissions to police*” – Aboriginal Legal Service Annual Conference June 2022

References:

- On Request