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Curriculum Vitae

Since coming to the Bar in 2000, I have practised in a variety of areas including commercial litigation, professional negligence, insurance, personal injuries (motor accident and public liability), Administrative Law, Equity, Wills and Estates, building and construction disputes and Coronial Inquests.

I am admitted to practise and have appeared in the High Court, Federal Court, Family Court, New South Wales Court of Appeal, New South Wales Supreme Court, District Court and Local Court. I have also appeared in various Tribunals now absorbed into NCAT (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal) and appear at hearings in CARS proceedings. I have also lectured part time at the University of Canberra.

Professional life and qualifications

2000 – present:	Barrister, Maurice Byers Chambers
July 1996 – August 2000:	Senior Associate, Phillips Fox
July 1993 - June 1996:	Solicitor, Phillips Fox (Insurance Litigation)
December 1991 – June 1993:	Law Clerk, Phillips Fox
1992:	Dip Law (SAB)
1982 – 1991:	Teacher and Co-ordinator of LOTE (Latin, French, Italian and German)
1985:	Dip Ed (UNE)
1979:	BA Hons (Sydney)

Mediation experience

I have participated in more than one hundred mediations across a broad range of practice areas. I am a Nationally Accredited Mediator having completed the IAMA Mediators' Course and hold the Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation and am also accredited as a Mediator by the NSW Bar Association and am on the Supreme Court of NSW Mediation List. I am a member of the Resolution Institute.

Language skills

I speak, read and write French fluently, am proficient in speaking Italian and have a working knowledge of German and Spanish.

Selection of Cases

Ryan v Pledge (2001) 33 MVR 453
Pledge v Roads & Traffic Authority (2004) 205 ALR 56
Advance Flooring Co Pty Ltd v Ariel Stoliar [2003] NSWSC 12
Ultra Modern Developments v Donmap Digital Images and Ors [2003] NSWSC 1079
Markaboui v Western Sydney Area Health Service t/as Westmead Hospital [2005] NSWSC 649
NSW Arabian Horses Inc v Sydney Olympic Authority [2005] NSWCA 210
Parker v Parker [2006] NSWSC 473
Micro Developments Pty Limited v Rockdale City Council [2006] NSWSC 1400
Maycock v Armidale Dumaresq Council [2007] NSWDC 301
Liverpool City Council v Estephan Estephan (Executor and Administrator of the Estate of the late Jocelyn Estephan & Ors) [2009] NSWCA 161 (3 July 2009)
Borg v The Owners of Strata Plan 64425 [2010] NSWDC 203
AAMI Limited v Cirevska [2013] NSWSC 1438
AAMI Limited v Cirevska (No 2) [2013] NSWSC 1847
Bannister & Hunter v Transition Resort Holdings (No.3) [2013] NSWSC 1943
J Redman Investments Pty Ltd v Malcolm Nelson Johns [2015] NSWDC 39
Jubb v Australia Insurance Limited [2015] NSWSC 1617
Pupo v Pupo [2015] NSWSC 1633 & Pupo v Pupo (No 2) [2015] NSWSC 1647
Allianz Australia Insurance Limited v Zein [2016] NSWSC 196
Jubb v Australia Insurance Limited [2016] NSWSC 153
Naidoo v Brisbane Waters Administration Pty Ltd & Anor [2017] NSWDC 372
Inquest into the death of Garry Fields
Inquest into the death of Christine Whyte
Inquest into the death of Rhianon Lara Smith
Inquest into the death of Richard Daley
Inquest into the death of Anne Mountford
Inquest into the death of Timothy Frederick Dunshea
Inquest into the death of Elijah Slavkovic
Inquest into the death of Robert Fenwick
Inquest into the death of John Alexander Payne
Inquest into the death of Brendan Burns
Inquest into the death of Shamsad Akhtar
Inquest into the death of Manusiu Amone
Inquest into the death of Sony William Tran-Bui