

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUMMARY

Education

I am medically and legally qualified.

Work

I came to the Bar in 1998 and currently work as a barrister specialising in medico-legal matters and administrative law. Significant cases in medical negligence include *Rufo v Dr Hosking & Anor* (2004) 61 NSWLR 678. In addition to medical negligence and personal injury matters, I appear in disciplinary matters and inquests in NSW and the ACT, often representing medical practitioners and hospitals.

I am an experienced administrative decision maker having been a Member of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal from 1998 until early 2003, sitting as both a legal and medical member.

Prior to work as a lawyer, I had 10 years experience working as a medical practitioner in the public hospital system and in general practice.

EDUCATION

TERTIARY STUDY:

- 1988: MB, BS, University of NSW
- 1991: Miscellaneous student (Arts), University of NSW studying industrial relations and modern history
- 1996: LLB, University of NSW
- 1997: Founding Fellow, Australian College of Legal Medicine
Admission as legal practitioner in NSW
- 1998: Admission as a barrister in NSW

SECONDARY STUDY:

- 1981: ACT Year 12 certificate, Phillip College ACT
Tertiary Entrance Score - 357/360

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 1998-
currently: Practice as a barrister
- 1998-2003 Member of the Social Security Appeals Tribunal
- 1991-8 : Medical Officer, Kirketon Road Centre.
- 1997-8: Locum Solicitor, Campbelltown Community Legal Centre
(September-January)
- 1997: Locum Solicitor, Disability Discrimination Legal Centre
(June-September)
- 1996-7: Legal and Policy Officer, Disability Discrimination Legal Centre. Duties included legal research, provision of legal advice, case preparation and

policy development. Similar duties were also performed on a part-time basis at the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre.

- 1996-7: Research Assistant and Medicolegal Consultant, Coulqhoun and Coulqhoun Solicitors. Duties included legal research; preparation of medicolegal, discrimination, employment and family law cases; and provision of medicolegal advice to firm solicitors.
- 1995: Policy Analyst (Methadone), Drug and Alcohol Directorate, NSW Department of Health. Duties included coordination of NSW methadone programme; development of policies and procedures for the regulation of methadone services; investigation of complaints and provision of advice on legal issues impacting on drug and alcohol policy.
- 1994-95: General Practitioner in the Darlinghurst area.
- 1993-94: Volunteer, Campbelltown Community Legal Centre. Duties included legal research; casework and general office duties.
- 1991: Medical Practitioner, Liverpool Women's Health Centre.
- 1991-92: Medical practitioner, Leichhardt Women's Health Centre.
- 1990: General Practitioner, Immediate Health Care Randwick
Locum General Practitioner, self-employed.
- 1989: Resident Medical Officer 1, Sutherland Hospital.
- 1988: Intern, Illawarra Area Health Service.

PUBLICATIONS/SEMINARS

"Joint conferences and concurrent evidence in medical negligence cases: an overview", *Precedent* (2015) (with Nick Broadbent)

"Liability evidence in medical negligence matters". Paper presented for Legalwise seminars as part of its medical negligence day (2015)

"Expert evidence in medical negligence". Paper presented to medical negligence practitioners (2014)

“Loss of a chance in medical negligence”. Paper presented to country solicitors (2008 & 2009)

“Preparation of treating doctor and medicolegal reports”. Presentation to the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (2008)

“Standards of care in medical negligence”. Paper presented for the NSW State Legal Conference (2003).

“The impact of recent legislation on medical negligence”. Paper presented for LAAMS (2003)

“Tort reform in NSW”. Paper presented for the NSW State Legal Conference (2003)

“The dilemma of mild head injury”“. Seminar paper presented for Australian Plaintiff Lawyers Association National Conference (2003)

“Instructing Medical Experts in Personal Injury Cases”. Seminar paper presented for LAAMS (2002)

Contributor, *The Law Handbook* (2002)

“Loss of a chance in medical negligence: Update” (2001) 47 *Plaintiff* 10

“Loss of a chance in medical negligence”. Seminar paper presented for LAAMS (2001)

“Legal Issues and Resources for Social Workers”. Seminar presented for South Eastern Area Health Service (2000)

“*Property (Relationships) Legislation Amendment Act 1999*” Young Lawyers (1999)

Contributor, *The Law Handbook* (1999)

AWARDS

Julius Stone Prize for Law and Social Theory (1993)

NSW Bar Association Prize for Evidence and Advocacy (1994)