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About

I practice law as an independent Barrister specialising in commercial law and litigation, and under the Conduct Rules of the Western Australian Bar Association.

- I appear as counsel in trials and appeals and hearings in Australia, but principally in Western Australia.
- I appear extensively as counsel in mediations.
- I appear as counsel in arbitrations.
- I also appear as counsel before Statutory Boards and Tribunals, particularly the State Administrative Tribunal.
- I appear in Royal Commissions, such as the City of Perth Inquiry, for example.

Appearing as Counsel

I appear as counsel mostly on my own, but occasionally with a leader.

A search of my surname on Austlii will bring up most of the cases I have been involved in which have involved hearings ending in judgment. There are many cases that don't see the inside of the courtroom, such as mediations and arbitrations, and advice work done in chambers. Since joining the bar, my experience has been in the following legal areas:

- Property Law disputes & advisory work (Leases, Easements, Grants, Title, Equitable title, Mortgages, Constructive Trusts, Resulting Trusts).
- Equity and Trusts - priority disputes, resulting trusts, express trusts & Injunction proceedings.
- Wills & Estates disputes (Elder and Succession Law).
- Building, Construction and Engineering disputes and claims (EOT, Delay, AS 2124 and JCT cases, Adjudications, and arbitrations, disputes involving arbitrations and arbitrators).
- Business Sales disputes & advisory work (Trade Practices Act) i.e. The Australian Consumer Law Claims and defences.

- Commercial Law disputes (Sale of Goods including Retention of Title claims and Restraint of Trade cases).
- Insurance law cases (Indemnity disputes, Broker's duties, public liability claims).
- Local Government advice and representation.
- Defending criminal charges, brought under the OHS Act and the Mines Safety and Inspection Act.
- Financial services disputes (acting for and contrary to banks in litigation) and acting for and against financial advisors.
- Medical Negligence cases (involving the defence of Hospitals, Doctors, and Nurses).

Chambers

I have been a member of Barrister's Chambers since 2008:

- Fourth Floor Chambers, 2018 ongoing.
- (formerly) Francis Burt Chambers, 2008 – 2018.

Qualifications

I have bachelors' degrees and a Masters' level education:

- Master of Laws (Melbourne University) obtained in 2014.
- Bachelor of Laws (Murdoch University) obtained in 1998.
- Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Business (Edith Cowan University) obtained in 1994 & 1995.

Admissions & Memberships

I am admitted to practice law as an Australian Legal Practitioner, Australia wide:

- Practicing under a Legal Practice Certificate as Barrister only since 2008.
- Barrister & Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia since 2000.
- Barrister & Solicitor of the High Court of Australia & Federal Court of Australia since 2000.
- Member, WA Bar Association since 2008.

Other career experience & employment

I practiced as a solicitor except for a short term in London, United Kingdom in 2001 and 2002 during which I worked in Merchant Banks in anti-money laundering roles, as follows:

- Senior Solicitor, Clayton Utz, Perth 2007 - 2008 Litigation Department

- Associate at Maxim Litigation Consultants, 2005 – 2007 Litigation Department
- Solicitor, Clayton Utz, Perth 2002 – 2005 – Litigation Department
- Anti Money Laundering role, Credit Suisse, London, and then similar Anti Money Laundering role at JP Morgan London – 2001 - 2002
- Restricted Practitioner/Articled Clerk, Phillips Fox, Perth 1999 – 2001 (various departments)

Lecturer at University & Other

I taught law to law students and business students at university level as follows:

- Murdoch University Law School 2013 (The Law of Negligence).
- Notre Dame University School of Law 2011 (Corporations Law) 2001 (Torts).
- Notre Dame University School of Business 2012 (Business Law).

I also had a role teaching new members to the profession until the organisation folded.

- Articles Training Program 2008 – 2012 (Various roles).

Board experience

I was member of the Council of the Western Australian Bar Association Inc for 4 years.

I was also a member of various committees of the Law Society of Western Australia over the years, including the Council.