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CURRICULUM VITAE

ADMISSIONS

2014: Called to the Bar (NSW)

2009: Registered practitioner of the High Court of Australia

2008: Admission to the Supreme Court of New South Wales

QUALIFICATIONS

2007: Bachelor of Laws

2007: Bachelor of Commerce (Finance and Economics)

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

Insurance, Corporations and Insolvency, Commercial and Equity, Professional Negligence, Building and Construction and Defamation

KEY EXPERIENCE

Representing insurers (local and overseas), ASX companies, local government, directors and officers, engineers, certifiers, architects, mortgage originators, town planners, product manufacturers, strata managers, solicitors and attorneys in contentious and non-contentious matters.

Appearing in the NSW Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of NSW, Supreme Court of Queensland, Federal Court of Australia, District Court of NSW, Local Court of NSW and NCAT.

Recent cases include:

- Acting for a Dam Operator in the Queensland Floods Class Action – *Rodriguez & Sons Pty Ltd v Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority t/as Seqwater*.
- Acting for London Insurers in the Springwood Bushfires Class Action – *Johnston v Endeavour Energy; More v Endeavour Energy* (led by J Sexton SC).

- Acting for a Local Council in the Walla Walla Rubbish Tip Class Action – *Weber v Greater Hume Shire Council* (led by R Sheldon SC).
- Acting for an insurer in an indemnity dispute in the Supreme Court of NSW – *Malamit Pty Ltd v WFI Insurance Ltd & Ors* [2016] NSWSC 1306 (led by J Sexton SC).
- Acting for a commercial crop grower in a contractual dispute with a supplier in the Supreme Court of NSW – *Marvoe Management Pty Ltd v Plantation Management Services (WA) Pty Ltd* (led by G McNally SC).
- Acting for a strata management company in a dispute related to a sub-stratum development in North Sydney in the Supreme Court of NSW – *The Owners – SP 74602 v Eastmark Holdings & Ors* [2015] NSWSC 1981; *The Owners – Strata Plan 74602 v Eastmark Holdings Pty Ltd (in receivership)* [2016] NSWSC 558 (led by K Rees SC).
- Acting for a company lessee of the Elizabeth Bay Marina in a dispute with Roads and Maritime Services in the Supreme Court of NSW - *Spicey Caricorn Pty Ltd v RMS* (led by R Harper SC).
- Acting for property owners in a dispute involving misleading representations on the sale of a property in Dover Heights and issues of apportionment in the NSW Court of Appeal – *Williams v Pisano* (2015) 90 NSWLR 342; (2015) 299 FLR 172; [2015] NSWCA 177 (led by D Weinberger).
- Acting for a director in the MFS Class Action in the Federal Court of Australia (*Mercedes Holdings Pty Ltd & Ors v Waters & Ors*) and in related civil penalty proceedings brought by ASIC in the Supreme Court of Queensland (*ASIC v Managed Investments Ltd*).
- Acting for a major geotechnical engineering company involved in a large commercial dispute arising from the development of a container terminal in Port Botany in the Supreme Court of NSW - *Patrick Stevedores Operations Pty Ltd v Coffey Geosciences Pty Ltd & Ors*.
- Acting for engineers in a claim alleging negligent design of a large retaining wall on a development site in Sydney in the Supreme Court of NSW - *Stateland Developments Pty Ltd v Cavasinni Developments Pty Ltd*.
- Acting for the manufacturers of industrial ovens and dryers installed at a large factory in Western New South Wales following a catastrophic explosion in 2003 – *Bestcare Foods Ltd v Origin Energy LPG Ltd*.
- Acting for planning consultant defendant in a professional services dispute regarding a development on the NSW south coast - *Bateman Long and Maloney Pty Ltd v Long Beach Land Company Pty Ltd* [2011] NSWSC 1495.
- Acting for Green Standards certifier in a dispute alleging misleading and deceptive conduct in the provision of its professional services in the Federal Court of Australia – *Instyle Contract Textiles Pty Ltd v Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd*.
- Acting for a Taiwanese based product manufacturer in a multi-million dollar dispute being litigated in the Supreme Court of NSW – *Barber v Kylow & Ors*.

- Acting in a dispute against Westpac, involving financial products offered by it to investors – *Lee v Westpac Banking Corporation* [2012] NSWSC 899; *Westpac Banking Corporation v Lee* [2013] NSWCA 375.

PUBLICATIONS

- *“The first of its kind - questions of foreign law referred to New York from the Supreme Court of NSW pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding”* – published in *Australian Civil Liability* (LexisNexis) – 2013 Vol 10 No 2.
- *“The Court confirms that company officers can be affected by a declaration of a company’s contravention of the civil penalty provisions of the Corporations Act 2001”* – published in *Australian Civil Liability* (LexisNexis) - 2013 Vol 9 No 9.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Senior Associate, Kennedys (Sydney) – 2011 – August 2014

Solicitor, Kennedys (Sydney) – 2008 – 2011

Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Peter Hidden AM (Supreme Court of New South Wales) - 2003 – 2008