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Qualifications

1987 – LLB (Hons) (University of Adelaide)
1995 – LLM (University of Sydney)

Awards

University Prize for Torts, University of Adelaide, 1983
Blashki & Sons Award for first place in the NSW Bar Exams, August 1997

Admissions

1988 – Supreme Court of South Australia
1992 – Supreme Court of NSW (Solicitor)
1997 – Supreme Court of NSW (Barrister)
2011 – Appointed Senior Counsel

Previous Employment

1988-90 : Duncan Groom Hannon

1990-92 : Corrs Chambers Westgarth

1992-97 : Abbott Tout Russell Kennedy

Principal Areas of Practice

Administrative Law

Mining Law

Planning and Environment

Banking and Insolvency

Valuation and Land Compensation

Trade Practices

Professional Negligence

Some cases or matters of note

Auburn Public Inquiry (2016) – As Commissioner

NRMA v Morgan and Ors (1999) NSWSC 407; (1999) 31 ASCR 435; (1999) Aust Tort Reports 81-505 (professional negligence/solicitor's negligence/trade practices/director's duties/Corporations Law)

Hornsby Shire Council v CSR Limited and Ors [2004] NSWSC 946 (compulsory acquisition; judicial review; tax)

Laybutt v Glover Gibbs Pty Ltd [2005] HCA 56; (2005) 221 ALR 310; (2005) 79 ALJR 1808 (negligence; employer's duties)

Booksan Pty Ltd & Ors; GIO General & Ors v Wehbe & Ors [2006] NSWCA 3 (negligence; insurance)

Maitland Main Collieries v Xstrata Mt Owen [2006] NSWSC 1235 (contractual construction)

Hornsby Shire Council v CSR Limited and Ors [2008] NSWSC 1179; [2013] NSWSC 510; [2013] NSWSC 1183 (fraud; trade practices/misleading and deceptive conduct; professional negligence; valuation)

Ray Fitzpatrick v Minister for Planning [2007] 157 LGERA 100 and [2008] NSWLEC 161 (valuation of land)

Environmental Protection Agency v Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd [2008] NSWLEC 286; (2008) 163 LGERA 324 (pollution prosecution)

Ulan Coal v Minister for Mineral Resources [2008] NSWCA 174; (2008) 161 LGERA 391 (statutory construction; mining leases)

Walker Corporation v Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (2008) NSWCA 282 and (2009) NSWCA 178 (statutory construction; valuation land)

Walker Corporation v Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (2009) 173 LGERA 155 (statutory construction; valuation of land)

Caroona Coal Action Group v Minister for Mineral Resources and Anor [2009] NSWLEC 165; (2009) 170 LGERA 22; [2010] ALMD 216 (mining; judicial review)

Caroona Coal Action Group v Minister for Mineral Resources and Anor [2010] NSWLEC 1; (2010) 172 LGERA 25; (2010) ALMD 3485; (2010) 178 LGERA 411 (judicial review; mining)

Caroona Coal Action Gp v Coal Mines Australia (2010) NSWCA 353 (judicial review; mining)

Brown and Anor v Coal Mines Australia Pty Ltd (2010) 76 NSLSC 473 (judicial review; mining)

Hunter Environmental Lobby Inc v Minister for Planning [2011] NSWLEC 221 (objector appeal to approval of a coal mine)

Gillies v Downer EDI Limited [2011] NSWSC 1055 (director's duties; Corporations Law; employment law; damages)

Downer EDI Limited v Gillies (2012) 92 ACSR 373; (2012) NSWCA 333 (director's duties; Corporations Law; employment law)

Gosford City Council v Parbery (Liquidator); In the Matter of Lehman Bros Australia Ltd (In Liq) [2016] FCA 353 (Liquidators claim; contract)

Achievements outside the Law

Writing: Author four novels – *Hell Has Harbour Views* (2001) and *The Ambulance Chaser* (2004), both published by Pan Macmillan. *Hell Has Harbour Views* was adapted into an ABC tele-movie in 2005 by Hilton Cordell Productions and the ABC. *Me and Rory Macbeath* was published by Hachette in 2013, and *Cyanide Games* was published by Simon & Schuster in 2016 (sequel due August 2017).

Other positions

Panel Member, NSW Racing Appeal Panel, 2012 -

Principal Member, NSW Racing Appeal Panel - July 2016 -

Editorial Committee, NSW Bar Magazine 2008 -

Memberships

NSW Bar Association

Australian Society of Authors

PEN

Australian Turf Club

Sydney Cricket Ground

Sydney Swans Football Club

Interests

Writing

Reading

Sports

Travel