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Qualifications

LLM (Sydney)

Entitled to practice in all Australian jurisdictions

Practice at the Bar

Admission – 1986

Senior Counsel – appointed 2003 (39 years of age)

Todd has been in continuous practice at the Bar for 30 years. He is predominantly a trial advocate with extensive experience across all jurisdictions in all Superior Courts of Australia, with emphasis in equity and commercial law. He also appears regularly in the Court of Appeal, the Court of Criminal Appeal and the High Court of Australia.

He is a versatile Silk, having conducted hundreds of broad ranging commercial cases involving contracts, misleading, deceptive and unconscionable conduct, breaches of fiduciary and other duties, partnership and joint ventures, trusts, franchise, vendor/purchaser, real property, oppression of shareholders, directors duties and securities. He has also conducted numerous defamation, professional negligence, planning and environment, building and engineering, insurance, fraud and criminal matters, both at first instance and on appeal. In crime, Todd has appeared for accused persons indicted on various criminal offences including murder, fraud, sexual assault and acts of indecency.

Through his wide practice, Todd has developed particular expertise in litigation involving landslides, agriculture, prosecutions in Class 5 of the Land and Environment Court's jurisdiction under the *Native Vegetation Act* and deceased estates. He is also engaged in mediation and commercial arbitration and is often retained to act as a Mediator, particularly in commercial disputes.

Todd has also appeared as Counsel Assisting the ICAC at public inquiries (Operation Charity and Operation Hawker) and for the Commission in various judicial review proceedings in the Supreme Court and appellate Courts. He represented affected persons at public inquiries in Operations Credo and Spicer (2014) and Operation Misto (2015). He has also appeared in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (2016).

As a commissioned officer in the RANR, he has both prosecuted and defended military personnel before Courts Martial and Defence Force Magistrates.

Some years ago, Todd conducted most of the nervous shock and compensation to relative claims and the majority of the commercial claims arising out of the Thredbo landslide for individual and corporate plaintiffs against the State of NSW, having represented the families of the victims of that tragedy at the long running Coronial Inquiry. He has since been routinely briefed in cases involving geotechnical engineering. He also appeared at the Coronial Inquiry into the Seaview Airlines crash and represented the family of the pilot at the Coronial Inquiry into the Air Frontier crash in East Arnhem Land, in the Northern Territory.

Todd has served on Professional Conduct Committees of the Bar Association. He was the Course Director of the Appellate Advocacy Course conducted by the Australian Bar Association in the Federal Court, Sydney in 2013 and 2014, was an instructor at the Advanced Trial Advocacy Intensive in Melbourne in 2016 and was the course Director of the Advanced Trial Advocacy Intensive in Sydney in 2017. He has taught the Advanced International Advocacy course at Keble College, Oxford.

Todd is the Chairman of the Board of Governors of The Pittwater House Schools.

Professional membership

- Supreme Court Commercial List Users Committee
- NSW and Australian Bar Associations
- Law Council of Australia – Business Law Section
- International Bar Association – Forum for Barristers and Advocates, Dispute Resolution/Litigation Section and Asia Pacific Forum