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Curriculum Vitae

Professional Qualifications

October 2010	Appointed Senior Counsel
August 1996	Called to the New South Wales Bar
1993-4, 1995-6	Solicitor, Allen Allen & Hemsley
1994-1995	Associate to Justice M.R. Wilcox of the Federal Court of Australia

Practice at the NSW Bar

August 1996 - present

I practice primarily in the commercial-equity area, particularly corporations and insolvency matters. I regularly advise major corporations, insolvency practitioners and financial institutions in relation to complex commercial disputes, contractual interpretation issues and large damages claims. I also practice in the areas of taxation and revenue and public law.

The commercial-equity matters in which I have been briefed include:

Re Nexus Energy Ltd [2014] NSWSC 1041; [2014] NSWSC 1589

Various applications under the *Corporations Act* 2001, briefed by Clayton Utz for the administrators

RiverCity Motorway Finance & Ors v AECOM Australia [2014] FCA 713 (and continuing)

Alleged professional negligence by economic forecasters, briefed by Kennedys for NIEIR

Wenkart v Pantzer [2013] FCAFC 81 and [2014] HCA Trans 141

Former trustee in bankruptcy's entitlements, briefed by Bartier Perry for the trustee

ACCC v Air New Zealand & Anor (2014) 319 ALR 388

Price fixing, briefed by the Australian Government Solicitor for the ACCC

Austino Wentworthville Pty Limited v Metroland Australia Limited [2013] NSWCA 59

Application to set aside a DOCA, briefed by Addisons for the administrator

Bathurst Regional Council v Local Government Financial Services Pty Ltd (No 5) [2012] FCA

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Rating of complex structured finance products, briefed by Clayton Utz for Standard & Poors

Boulderstone Pty Ltd v QIC (2010-2011)

Large construction dispute, briefed by Clayton Utz for Boulderstone

Investigation into the collapse of Storm Financial Limited (2009 – 2012)

Briefed by HWL Ebsworth for various Commonwealth Bank of Australia executives

Grocon Constructors v Kimberley Securities Ltd (2009) 72 ACSR 305

Application to set aside a DOCA, briefed by Addisons for the administrator

Various proceedings involving *HIH Insurance Limited (in liquidation)* (2005-2009)

Briefed by Clayton Utz and Blake Dawson Waldron for the liquidators

ASIC v Vines (2007) 62 ACSR 1

Breach of directors duties, briefed by ASIC