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Admissions and Academic Qualifications

Solicitor: 19 December 1997

Barrister: 23 July 2015

Bachelor of Economics/Bachelor of Laws (Hons) - Australian National University, 1995/96

Master of Laws – Sydney University, 2003

Areas of Practice

- Criminal Law including regulatory prosecutions and commissions of inquiry and inquest.
- Defamation and Media law including Court Suppression and Non-Publication Orders.
- Commercial Litigation including Consumer Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Constitutional, Administrative and Public Law including contempt and applications for review, indemnity or an exercise of the royal prerogative of mercy.

Selected Cases

- *RSL Commission of Inquiry under the Charitable Fundraising Act* – junior counsel assisting to Public Inquirer Patricia Bergin SC;
- *Cornwell v Channel 7 and Ors*; *Al Muderis v Mazzella*; *Hunter v Hanson*, *Bolton v Stoltenberg* (defamation);
- *NSW Prothonotary v Smith*; *Makarov*; *Mallegowda*; *Dangerfield* (contempt);
- *Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory* and *Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry*.
- *Youdom, Cecil, Bronte-Lee and McBride* (Coronial inquests); and
- *Wotton v QLD*, *Wainohu v NSW*, *K-Generation v SA*, *International Finance Trust Co v NSWCC*, *Totani v SA*, *Kirk v IRC* and *NAAJA v NT* (Chapter III Constitution);
- *Burrell v R* and *Gilham v R* (murder appeals); *Einfeld v R*, *Polley v R* and *Nguyen v R* (sentence appeals); *Cribb v R* and *Crump v R* (life sentence redeterminations);
- *R v Gould*; *R v Geraghty & Ors*; *R v Ozoani & Ors* (criminal CDPP prosecutions); and
- *Sapra Enterprises Pty Ltd v John Cooper and Central Home Loans Pty Ltd* (Corporations Law).

Experience

- Associate to Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia (1997-1998)
- Senior associate at Minter Ellison Lawyers (1999-2007) including secondments to:
 - American Express, general counsel role; and
 - Public Interest Advocacy Centre to establish the NSW Homeless Persons Legal Service.
- Counsel Assisting the NSW Solicitor General and Crown Advocate (2008-2011 and 2015-2016)
- Special Counsel, Criminal Law Team, NSW Crown Solicitor's Office (2013-2015)

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