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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

St Aidan's Anglican Girls School (1976-1980)

University of Queensland

- Bachelor of Arts (German Language & German History) – graduated in 1984
- Bachelor of Laws – graduated with Honours in 1986
- Appointed Adjunct Professor, TC Beirne School of Law (2014 -)

Queensland University of Technology

- Master of Laws – specialised in BioEthics (2003)

Employment

Queen's Counsel (2013) (*having been a Senior Counsel since 2006*)

Barrister in private practice (Jan 1988 – date)

Clerk, Queensland Solicitor General, Appeal & Advocacy (Jan 1986 – Jan 1988)

Clerk, Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions (Jan 1986 – Dec 1986)

Clerk, Paul Richards & Associates (Jan 1985 – Dec 1985)

Research Assistant, Professor Sutton, University of Queensland (Jan 1983 – Dec 1983)

Awards and recognition

Finalist Woman lawyer of the year, pro bono, 2015, Lawyer's weekly

Practice at the Bar

My practice is primarily in the areas of Administrative Law, Family Law, Civil/Human Rights & Discrimination and Child Protection Law. I accept a number of deserving *pro bono* briefs.

I have appeared as Counsel in four Royal/ Commissions of Inquiry:

- **the Public Hospitals Inquiry of 2005 for the Medical Board,**
- **as Senior Counsel Assisting the Child Protection Commission of Inquiry, and**
- **Senior Counsel for West Moreton Health Service and Board in the Barrett Centre Inquiry 2016-**
- **Counsel for state of Qld Royal Commission into institutionalised responses to child sexual abuse 2016**

Along with Crown Law, I was briefed to advise the *Premier's Domestic Violence Taskforce "Not now Not Ever- Putting an end to Domestic Violence"*, chaired by Dame Quentin Bryce AD CVO.

Last November I was appointed by the Premier to the Domestic Violence Implementation Council tasked with implementing the reforms from the taskforce. It

has a multidisciplinary membership representing indigenous, disability, the LGBTI community, police, justice, the courts and corporate sectors.

I have been briefed extensively on behalf of AHPRA and appear regularly for the Medical and other statutory boards in QCAT and QCATA. I have also undertaken human rights and discrimination matters in QCAT and QCATA.

I have also appeared on occasions in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

I also appear frequently in the Family Court, both in the trial and appellate division, as well as in the Federal Circuit Court on a regular basis. I appear for Governments (as Interveners), for the Independent Children's Lawyer and for private litigants.

Much of my practice in the District Court of Queensland is focused on s. 222 appeals, formerly some appeals from QCAT and from the Children's Court (normally for the Crown) and for regulatory matters.

I also maintain a practice in Coronial Inquests, appearing as Counsel Assisting to the Coroner and for various Hospitals.

I have appeared as junior counsel to the Solicitor General in a number of special leave applications to the High Court of Australia.

Aside from my court work, I am an accredited mediator, both as a mediator and acting for litigants.

Appointments currently held

Advisory Board Member, Queensland's Domestic Violence Implementation Council, Premier's appointment

Member of Child Death Review Panel, Ministerial appointment

Board Member, Queensland Public Interest Law Clearing House (2013 - date)

Chair, Pro bono Sub-Committee, Bar Association of Queensland

Ethics Counsellor, Bar Association of Queensland

Attendee, Human Research and Ethics Committee, Royal Brisbane Hospital

Member, Conduct Sub-Committee, Bar Association of Queensland

Commissioner, Youth Detention Review

Appointments previously held

Member, Dental Technician and Prosthetists Board (1995 – 1998)

Member, Anti-Discrimination Tribunal (1997 – 2001)

Member, Mental Health Review Tribunal (2001-2004)

Member, Psychologists Board (2001-2004)

Practitioner-in-Residence, T.C. Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland (March 2014)

Chair (occasional), Queensland Medical Interim Notification Group (2013-2014)

Professional Involvement

Board Member, MontroseAccess (2011 –2014)

Lecturer, Bar Practice Course

Contributor to Bar Continuing Legal Education

CPD Organiser

Convenor, Conferences, Legal Aid (Queensland)

Committee Member, Family Law Practitioners Association