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Richard was admitted to the Bar in 1980 and commenced practice in 1982 after working as a law clerk in Townsville, NQ. In 1998 he was appointed Senior Counsel in and for the State of Queensland. In 2013 he was appointed Queen's Counsel. He practises in Queensland and interstate in civil trial and appellate advocacy, with associated advisory practice.

His areas of specialty are insurance, common law and statutory liability, commercial law, commercial vendor and purchaser, real property and statutory confiscation of criminal profits. He has a particular expertise in proportionate liability in economic loss and property damage cases.

From 2009 to 2011 Richard was President of the Bar Association of Queensland, a director of the Law Council of Australia and member of the board of the Australian Bar Association. He is chair of the Bar Association of Queensland general litigation advisory committee.

In 2004 he was chair of a stakeholder reference group appointed by the Queensland Attorney General which reported to the Queensland government as to options available to homogenise Queensland pre-proceeding personal injury process regimes.

He was Senior Counsel assisting the 2005 Queensland Public Hospitals Commission of Inquiry conducted by Hon Geoffrey Davies AO.

He has appeared in many of the leading cases construing the MAIA/WCRA/PIPA pre-procedural and Ipp civil liability legislation of Queensland.

Richard is a joint author of a text Douglas, Mullins and Grant *Annotated Civil Liability Legislation Queensland* published by LexisNexis. The fourth edition is due to be published in the second half of 2016.

He is also a joint author of, and principal contributor to *Civil Liability Australia*, a national loose-leaf and electronic LexisNexis service treating the IPP civil liability legislation of the Commonwealth, states and territories.

He is a member of the editorial board of, and contributor to the *Civil Liability* newsletter also published by LexisNexis.

He is a member of the Bar Association of Queensland, the Medico-Legal Society of Queensland (currently junior vice-president), the Australian Insurance Lawyers Association, the Commercial Law Association and the Australian Lawyers Alliance.

In 2014, the Australian Insurance Law Association awarded Richard its annual Insurance Law Prize.

He is a nationally accredited and experienced mediator. He has mediated in excess of 700 disputes.