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Commercial
Contract
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Product liability
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Tort
Trade Practices
Plain English Writing

Career history

- 2015 **Called to the Bar**
- 2012-2015 **Principal Consultant, Words Made Clear** – York, UK
- 2008-2012 **Senior Associate, Hemming+Hart Lawyers** – Brisbane, Queensland
- 2007 **Solicitor, Birch & Co** – Brisbane, Queensland
- 2001-2006 **Solicitor, Mallesons Stephen Jaques** – Brisbane, Queensland
- 2002 **Law Clerk to Judge W G Young, Federal District Court of Massachusetts** –
Boston, USA
- 2000 **Associate to Mr Justice C W Pincus, Queensland Court of Appeal** – Brisbane,
Queensland

Experience

I am a barrister practising in commercial and estate litigation, following 15 years of practice as a solicitor across a full range of commercial matters – contract, property, equity, corporations, trusts, product liability, restraint of trade, and consumer law. I have also acted for both employers and employees in workplace disputes. I have a particular interest in contractual and property disputes involving technical specifications

I have a professional interest in “Plain English” writing and am a member of Clarity International.

Notable matters include:

- Acting for the special purpose liquidators of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd following the closure of the Yabulu Refinery and the collapse of the joint venture.
- Acting for a truck building company in a multi-million-dollar contract and product liability dispute involving parties based in Australia, New Zealand and Italy. There were complex disputes about the technical specifications for certain parts, as well as

ultimate questions of liability. The matter was resolved successfully at mediation shortly before trial.

- Acting for a senior manager of a professional services consultancy whose employment contract had been terminated. There was considerable sensitivity on both sides to publicity, and despite the constraints that imposed, a settlement which was very satisfactory to both parties was negotiated.
- Acting for a directory publisher who was sued as a third party when one of its advertisers published an advertisement which was allegedly misleading or deceptive. The facts were technically complex, curtailing the availability of the so-called “publishers’ defence”.
- Acting for the partners in a regional law firm to resolve a long-running dispute with former employees who had set up in competition. The matter had gone on for several years, involved considerable expert accounting evidence, and proved highly destructive to morale in the local profession. The matter was successfully resolved at mediation.
- Acting for a telecommunications company in disputes involving property damage to its cables. This was a high-volume practice with claims varying in size up to several hundred thousand dollars. The total value at any one time was around \$8 million.

Education

Bachelor of Laws, Honours IIA (University of Queensland)

Bachelor of Asian Studies, Honours I (Australian National University)

Bachelor of Arts, double major in Japanese (University of Queensland)

Exchange studies in International Law (Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan)

Voluntary involvement

2014-2015 **Chair of Governors, Carr Infant School, York, UK**

2012-2015 **Parochial Church Council, St Michael-le-Belfrey Church, York, UK**

2009-2015 **Board of Governors, Carr Infant School, York, UK**

2005-2008 **Parish Council, St Andrew’s Anglican Church, South Brisbane, Qld**

1999-2001 **Executive Committee, Queensland Debating Union, Brisbane, Qld**