

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws – LLB(Hons) 2002 and 2003 – Part time
Division IIB Honours 2004 and 2005 – Full time
Queensland University of Technology
University representative to the Stetson International Environmental Law moot in Florida, USA.

Bachelor of Business Communications - BBus(Com) 1999 to 2001
Dean’s commendation for high achievement
University of Queensland

Southern Cross Catholic College (Formally De La Salle College) 1993 to 1997

PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

Admitted as a legal practitioner of the Supreme Court of Queensland March, 2007
Admitted to practice in the Federal Court of Australia and the High Court of Australia

First called to the Bar March, 2013
Member of the Bar Association of Queensland

EMPLOYMENT

Private Practice

Barrister March, 2013 to Present

Russells

Solicitor March, 2007 to December, 2012
Trainee Solicitor January, 2006 to March, 2007
Practice primarily focused on commercial litigation and insolvency.
A breakdown of legal experience is set out at **appendix 1**.

Haigh Australia

National Marketing Co-ordinator November, 2001 to December, 2003
A breakdown of responsibilities is set out in **appendix 1**.

INTERESTS AND SKILLS

- Married with two children, ages 4 and 2.
- Played representative hockey for the Queensland under age teams from 1995 to 2000. Continue to play Division 1 and 2 level club hockey.
- Enjoy most sports and outdoor activities.

REFERENCES

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APPENDIX 1

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The following are summaries of matters for which I had the primary carriage.

1. Acted for the plaintiff, who is a former solicitor, in a claim against his insurer, to enforce an income protection/loss of income insurance policy. The insurer purported to terminate the insurance contract on the basis of the insured's fraudulent non-disclosure of matters relating to the insured being struck off.
2. Acted for the plaintiff in a claim relating to the structural design of a golf course clubhouse. The claim was against the civil and structural engineer who designed the clubhouse structure, footings and adjoining civil works.
3. Acted for a group of 21 separate entities in defending claims by their stockbroker for monies owed. The clients brought counterclaims for losses incurred as a result of the stockbroker engaging in misleading and deceptive conduct relating to "naked options trading."
4. Acted for parties in recovering money owed under a contract for the sale of land. That matter firstly involved opposing the purchaser's application to set aside a statutory demand and the subsequent winding up of the purchaser. The clients then commenced proceedings against their former solicitors for a failure to take out proper security for the clients' vendor finance. That also involved an application for leave to proceed against a bankrupt.
5. Acted for a cattle grazier with substantial land and cattle interests in North Queensland. The matter involved defending proceedings brought by receivers and managers of a failed managed investment scheme. The responsible entity for the scheme had leased the client's cattle and agisted those (and other) cattle on the client's property. The matter involved resisting applications to remove cattle from the property and defending claims as to the ownership of certain cattle.
6. Acted for investors in claims against a major financial institution for losses incurred in investments in indexed share funds during the global financial crisis.
7. Acted for developers in an appeal to the Planning and Environment Court of a Council's decision notice.
8. Acted for an accounting firm in obtaining a freezing order against the firm's former in-house accountant. The respondent had stolen money from the firm over a period of 7 years, hidden through a series of falsified accounts.
9. Acted for a widow against her late husband's business partner to recover the family's substantial investment in their property development business. The matter also involved exoneration applications related to personal guarantees given after the husband's death, proceedings against the business partner's de-facto for money contributed to the purchase of a property, opposing security for costs applications, and defending proceedings brought by private financiers to recover money lent.
10. Acted in various insolvency matters involving:
 - a. contested and uncontested winding up applications, both for creditors and debtors;
 - b. replacement of liquidators, administrators and trustees;

- c. appointment of receivers to enforce orders;
 - d. a claim for damages and recovery of property under Part 5.7B of the *Corporations Act 2001* relating to a company's trading prior to being wound up. This also involved successfully resisting a security for costs application against the insolvent company.
11. Acted for a public media organisation in defamation proceedings and various urgent applications to Supreme Court.
 12. Acted for a group of members of an incorporated association in matters relating to the sale of the association's assets and land. The clients brought injunction proceedings to prevent the association calling special general meetings and from giving effect to resolutions passed at certain meetings.
 13. Acted for a motor vehicle franchisee in recovering money from the franchisor following the end of the dealer's franchise agreement.
 14. Acted for a property developer in claims relating to water right allocations.
 15. Acted for a property developer in defending claims relating to the quality of building work completed.
 16. Acted for vendors of a property in a claim against their real estate agent for the agent's improper conduct in the sale of their property.
 17. Acted for the lessees of a retail shop in a newly developed shopping centre in a claim for damages resulting from the lessor's misleading and deceptive conduct and interference with the leased property.

LEGAL TASKS PERFORMED ACROSS THOSE MATTERS

- drawing advices;
- conducting legal research and preparing research memoranda;
- drawing various Court documents, including statements of claim, defences, replies, particulars, requests for particulars, applications, affidavits, commercial list statements, notices of non-party disclosure, notices to produce, notices to admit, responses to interrogatories, subpoenas, submissions and orders;
- instructed Counsel in Court;
- appeared in the Supreme Court, District Court, Magistrates Court, Federal Court and Federal Magistrates Court in interlocutory applications, directions hearings and case management reviews;
- drafting correspondence;
- liaising with, advising and taking instructions from clients;
- interviewing witnesses, and drafting witness statements and summaries of evidence;
- witness and document management during hearings;
- appearing at, and instructing Counsel at mediations and settlement conferences;
- negotiating resolutions of matters;
- drafting deeds of settlement;
- undertaking discovery and document review;
- liaising with court registries and judge's associates; and
- drafting instructions to, and meeting with expert witnesses.

PRACTICE AREAS OF INTEREST

- Commercial and Corporate
- Contract
- Trusts and Equity
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy
- Building and Construction
- Defamation and Media
- Trade Practices and Competition

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

McCullough Robertson - Summer Clerkship

December, 2004

Mallesons Stephen Jacques - Summer Clerkship

January, 2005

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Haigh Australia

National Marketing Co-ordinator

Responsibilities included:

- the production and dissemination of marketing and promotional material throughout all Australian States and Territories;
- product brand development and packaging design;
- production of retail sales catalogues and wholesale sales catalogue for over 10,000 product lines;
- co-ordination of trade show displays; and
- website development.