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Admission as a lawyer 2005

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QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Arts/Laws (Hons I), University of Sydney, 2003
- Graduate Diploma in Communications, Charles Sturt University, 2009
- Certificate in Governance, Governance Institute of Australia, 2016

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Special Counsel Mills Oakley, Planning and Environment 2019-2025

- Act for and advise property developers, individuals, religious institutions and educational institutions in Land and Environment Court (**LEC**), Court of Appeal and Supreme Court proceedings.
- Advised and acted in a range of matters in the LEC, including Class 1,2, 4 and 5 proceedings.
- Written advice on all environment and planning issues including: site isolation, development standards and clause 4.6 reviews, GFA Calculations, heritage, contamination, rezonings, permissibility, EPA Investigations, Development Control Orders, existing use rights and physical commencement, biodiversity and native vegetation, Concept Approvals and Master Plans; contractual matters and restrictions on title.

Senior Associate Johnson Winter & Slattery, Planning and Environment 2017-2019

- Acted for and advised clients on litigious and non-litigious matters across the mining, property development, resources and education sectors.
- Acted for large, listed companies in relation to EPA prosecutions.
- Acted for a coal mine in Class 3 proceedings.

- Advised numerous mining and resource companies on all aspects of mine planning, development and operations, species, biodiversity, water law, environmental impact assessments, native title and rehabilitation.
- Provided native title advice and prepared reports on native title extinguishment.
- Prepared materials for publication by industry bodies on new legislation and policy.
- Advised on contamination issues, as well as planning and licensing issues.
- Advised and acted for a large number of private schools.

Senior Associate McCullough Robertson, Planning and Environment 2013-2016

- Provided advice to the mining sector; advice on environmental incidents; drafted a submission to the Productivity Commission.

Acting General Counsel/Senior Lawyer Cth Department of Climate Change 2008-2010

- Acting General Counsel at the time when the emissions trading scheme legislation (Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme) was first introduced into Parliament.
- Provided advice on impact of new and existing policies and legislation.

Solicitor King & Wood Mallesons, Litigation and Environment Team 2006-2008

- Solicitor in the Litigation and Environment team, acting for major clients such as Canberra International Airport.
- Advised ACTEW on the lease of Googong Dam from the Commonwealth.

Solicitor Ashurst, Environment and Planning 2004-2006

- Solicitor in the Planning and Environment Team, acting for mining companies, developers, industry organisations and government departments.