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**Education/
Qualifications:**

University of Sydney, NSW

Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) conferred 19 May 2000

Bachelor of Economics (Social Sciences) (politics double major) conferred 16 May 1997

- Admitted to practice as a solicitor May 2001
- Admitted to Victorian Bar May 2007

**Academic
Achievements:**

- Attained first class honours in law (distinction average);
- Attained a distinction average in economics (social sciences);
- Won the "Julius and Reca Stone Award in International Law and Jurisprudence" at Sydney University in 2000;
- Won a Sydney University International Scholarship to study abroad (Netherlands) in 1998; and
- Won Wesley College Academic Excellence Award in 1993.

Employment:

Barrister Victorian Bar

Admitted to practice May 2007

Varied practice consisting predominantly of civil litigation for Victorian government clients including the Attorney-General, Victoria Police, Department of Fairness Families and Housing (DFFH, formerly DHHS), and statutory bodies such as the Sheriff's Office and the Surveyors' Board of Victoria.

Key cases by jurisdiction include:

Supreme Court

Appearances for the Attorney-General in numerous *Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997 (Vic)* cases, generally appearing alone [including notably, though, as junior to Kerry Judd SC in the 2010 major review of Mr Derek Percy's custodial supervision order (representing the Attorney-General)]

Appeared as junior to John Langmead SC in a contempt of court matter relating to breach of suppression order by members of the Australian media (on behalf of the Attorney-General).

Appeared for the Victorian Police in relation to a number of applications to re-open inquests, and on behalf of family members in relation to judicial review of Coroner's decisions including regarding next of kin.

Various appearances to obtain orders to examine judgment debtors to enforce judgment debts.

County Court

Appearances for the Attorney-General in numerous *Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997 (Vic)* cases.

Represented and advised the Victoria Police in various torts matters including civil assault, malicious prosecution, and false imprisonment.

Acted for the Land Titles Office fraudulent mortgage cases involving the Land Titles Office.

Appeared in strike-out hearings for Victoria Police, and in examination of earnings matters.

Coroner's Court

Regularly appear on behalf of Victoria Police other organisations and entities in inquests into deaths including notably:

- the Andrew Curwood Inquest (inquest into death of man killed by flatmate who had mental illness, acted for Victoria Police);
- the Scott Peoples Inquest (inquest into death of bike rider killed by elderly gentleman who was driving with

eyesight and other medical issues, acted for Victoria Police);

- the Adam Baskijin Inquest (inquest into death of a young man in speeding car, acted for Victoria Police);
- the Craig Stevens inquest (inquest into death of man who suicided by hanging in front of police members, acted for police members);
- Michael Darmody inquest (inquest into death in custody, acted for police nurse);
- Darren Brandon inquest (inquest into death in custody, acted for police doctor and two nurses)
- Inquest into the death of Noel Thomas (death in custody, acted for Forensicare);
- Inquest into the death of CS before the NSW State Coroner (acting for the Emergency Services Telecommunication Authority).

Have also appeared pro-bono for family members at an inquest into the death of Stuart Beverley (suicide after being discharged from hospital on an involuntary treatment order).

Royal Commissions

Acted for the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission in the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants.

VCAT

Appeared on behalf of the Victims of Crimes Assistance Tribunal in relation to appeals against their decisions in a number of cases, most notably in the well-known cases of:

- *Krasauskas v Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (General)* [2007] VCAT 1407 (case considering whether TAC dependency benefits must be subtracted from compensation made under the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996*); and
- *Eades v Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal (General)* [2008] VCAT 448 (case considering whether payments for accident compensation must be deducted from payments made under the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 1996*).

Appeared in administrative law (merits review) cases in VCAT including most notably for the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) in:

- *Hoser v Department of Sustainability & Environment (Occupational and Business Regulation)* [2008] VCAT 2035 (30 September 2008) – application for review of DSE’s conditions imposed on Mr Hoser’s snake-handling licence in relation to the handling of “venemoid” snakes.

VOCAT

Appeared as counsel assisting the Victims of Crimes Assistance Tribunal in a number of complex cases relating to victims of crimes applications.

Family Court

Regularly appear on behalf of the DHHS State Central Authority, which acts on behalf of the Commonwealth Central Authority, in “Hague Convention” cases relating to the international abduction of children and applications for return of the child or children to the place of habitual residence. Assisted in drafting submissions for recent appeal case before the Full Court of *Handbury & State Central Authority and Anor* [2020] FamCAFC (21 January 2020) (appeal was successful for the State Central Authority)

Magistrates Court

Appeared in various matters in the Magistrates’ Court including torts matters (representing the Victoria Police), and some commercial matters. Also appeared in a number of criminal cases on behalf of the Office of Public Prosecutions, the Sheriff’s Office and also on behalf of Corrections Victoria.

Disciplinary Tribunals

Represented the Surveyors’ Board of Victoria before the Surveyors’ Disciplinary Tribunal in a very complex case prosecuting a large number of instances of unprofessional conduct by a surveyor, resulting in the longest ever suspension ordered by the Tribunal to date (suspension of his licence for a year).

Federal Court

Appearances related to the filing of a creditor's petition and obtaining of a sequestration order.

**Previous
Employment:**

Senior Solicitor, Litigation

Victorian Government Solicitor's Office
Level 25, 121 Exhibition Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
January 2003 to end of 2006

Duties included:

- Running complex litigation files for various government clients including the Attorney-General, Victoria Police, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Sheriff's Office, Registrar of Titles, Government Superannuation Office, and Department of Human Services (as it was then known);
- Appearing in the County Court, Supreme Court, Family Court, Coroner's Court and Magistrates' Court for interlocutory matters (contested and uncontested);
- Undertaking complex research tasks and drafting legal advice in relation to discreet questions of law as well as advice on quantum and liability and recommendations to clients in relation to settlement and the litigation process;
- Negotiating with solicitors representing other parties to achieve settlements, liaising with clients, junior and senior counsel and witnesses in preparation for trial, including interviewing witnesses and preparing witness statements;
- Supervising and reviewing the work of junior solicitors and law clerks;
- Instructing counsel in inquests, hearings, and mediations; and
- Particular focus of practice was acting for Victoria Police in relation to inquests involving police such as police pursuits and use of force.

***Solicitor, Litigation and Workplace Relations Department
(completed articles in the Commercial Property,
Planning and Environment Department)***

Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens)
530 Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
March 2000 to December 2002

Duties included:

- Advising clients on employment law issues (both orally and in writing);
- Running employment law litigation files (including unfair dismissal and discrimination cases);
- Running general commercial litigation cases and other files including negligence/breach of statutory duty claims and inquests into deaths in custody;
- Particular focus and experience in inquests into deaths in custody;
- Negotiating and drafting employment agreements and settlement agreements;
- Representing clients at conciliations at the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, and appearing in the various courts at directions hearings and other interlocutory matters;
- Giving presentations and training to lawyers and clients on developments in the law including presenting a seminar to 25 lawyers and human resources employees at the National Australia Bank on termination of employment law, training 50 Melbourne Water Field Officers on legislation relating to the protection of Melbourne's water supply and privacy law, presenting a training seminar to corrections officers at Port Phillip Prison on how to minimise their exposure to legal proceedings and be effective witnesses, and presenting a seminar to 50 small business owners as part of the IES Conferences Series on discrimination law;
- Co-ordinating the monthly "Special Interest Group" meetings for the Workplace Relations Group; and
- Organising the Melbourne contribution to the national publication on employment law and writing articles for the publication.

Interests/other skills:

- Have done consulting work for Worklogic (workplace investigations into bullying, discrimination, and sexual harassment). This involved investigating and preparing complex fact-finding reports into whether the alleged conduct such as discrimination or bullying had taken place on the balance of probabilities, which then enabled the organisation to follow internal misconduct procedures or seek further legal advice. This consulting work also included reviewing and amending workplace policies and training programs (such as for Monash University) and conducting training for organisations including PILCH.

- Have directed numerous short plays in Short & Sweet play festival
- Have acted in a number of plays, an opera, films, and on television (including House Husbands tv series and commercials for TAC, Westpac and Coles)
- Have had a number of art exhibitions of oil paintings and regularly sell artworks
- Play acoustic guitar
- Roller skate