

Curriculum Vitae

- Graduated (LLB) – University of Queensland – 1960
- Partner – Conwell & Co Solicitors – 1961-1965
- Admitted to Queensland Bar – 1965
- Appointed Queen’s Counsel – 1978
- Admitted to the Bars of Australia, the Republic of Ireland and Papua New Guinea
- Appointed Justice of the High Court of Australia – 1998-2007 (retired)
- Honorary Life Member of the Australian Bar Association
- Honorary Life Member of the Queensland Bar Association
- Honorary Life Member of the New South Wales Bar Association
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Queensland – 2008-current
- Honorary Doctorate of Laws, University of Queensland – 2010
- Honorary Doctorate of Laws, James Cook University – 2012
- Grade 1 Arbitrator (Resolution Institute)
- President – National Rugby League Appeals Committee
- Chair – Rugby League World Cup Anti-Doping Tribunal – 2017
- Civil Society 20 Steering Committee (Prime Minister’s Representative) – 2017
- Judge ad hoc of the International Court of Justice – 2014-2015
- Appointed Companion of the Order of Australia
- Chair – Commonwealth Bank Storm Resolution Scheme – 2011-2012
- Chair – Commonwealth Bank Dispute Resolution Panel (Open Advice Review Program) – 2014
- Member – Australian Dispute Centre’s Panel of Neutrals – current
- President – Samuel Griffith Society – 2009-2023
- President Emeritus – Samuel Griffith Society – 2023-current
- Patron – Queensland Choir - current

Practised in commercial and many other areas of the law across Australia, in the Supreme Courts of Queensland, New South Wales, Canberra, South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, the Federal Court of Australia, and Papua New Guinea.

Expert witness on Australian law in non-Australian jurisdictions and in international arbitrations.

Several appearances in appeals to the Privy Council in London.

Appeals (and other matters) before the High Court in constitutional, contract, property, revenue, industrial, criminal, commercial, planning, banking, compensation, damages and other matters.

Practice extended to most fields including constitutional law, equity, commercial law, industrial, banking, planning, finance, taxation, mining, energy, construction, contracts, torts, defamation, trade practices, mediation and arbitration.

Retained as Senior Counsel for leading media companies, banks and commodity producers. Appeared in several Royal Commissions – W.A. Inc., the Withers Commission, the Fitzgerald Inquiry, and other inquiries, including by the NCSC and ASIC.

- President of the Queensland Bar Association – 1984-1986
- President of the Australian Bar Association – 1986
- Councillor Incorporated Council of Law Reporting– 1989-1995
- Chairman, Bar Board of Queensland – 1986
- Inaugural Visiting Professor of Law – Newcastle University
- Conduct of the Equine Influenza Inquiry – 1997-1998
- Conduct of review of the Crime and Misconduct Act of Queensland (with Professor Aroney) – 2012-2013
- Conduct review of the Victorian Parole System – 2013
- Appointed by the New Zealand government to review the David Bain case – 2015
- Public Interest Advocate, *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* (Cth) – 2015
- Conduct of review of Liquor Laws: New South Wales – February 2016-September 2016
- Chaired workplace Inquiry: Australian Olympic Committee – 2017
- Conduct of review of Federal Administrative Appeals Tribunal – July 2018-December 2018

Arbitrator and Mediator –

- Qualified mediator (Queensland Bar Course 1990)
- Regularly engaged to make expert determinations, evaluations and awards and as mediator and arbitrator (transnational including in London, Chicago, New York and Singapore); regularly in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, and occasionally in Darwin, Newcastle, Townsville, Alice Springs and Cairns in a range of commercial, energy, mining, construction, contract, property, Trade Practices, regulatory, IT, professional negligence and other disputes;

Company Director –

- Queensland Coal Resources Ltd – 1989-1997 (major public company)
- Santos Ltd – 1996-1998 (major public company)
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation – 1996-1997

Other Chairs –

- Totalisator Administration Board of Queensland – 1985-1990 (major State-owned enterprise)
- (Hon) Brisbane Community Arts Centre – 1973-1979
- (Hon) Brisbane Civic Art Gallery – 1993-1994
- (Hon) Queensland Art Gallery – 1997-1998
- (Hon) Australian Defence Force Academy – 1999-2007
- NRL Anti-Doping Tribunal – 2017 to current
- NRL Appeals Committee – 2009 to current

- Griffith University Innocence Project – Current

Trustee or Director –

- Committee of the University of Queensland Art Museum 1988
- Queensland Art Gallery – 1987-1990
- National Gallery of Australia – 2007-2010
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation – 1996-1997

Charities –

- Chair – Silver Lining Foundation (Hon)
- Fryer Library – University of Queensland (Hon)
- Anglican Church Panel to advise archbishop on compensation (Hon)

Publications –

Literary and other reviews, short stories, speeches and presentations on various legal topics, public affairs, art and literature.

Non Legal

Novels –

- The Lawyer and the Libertine
- The Coroner's Conscience
- The Missing Masterpiece
- Appointment at Amalfi
- After the Monsoon
- The Russian Master
- Betrayals
- Dislocation
- The Only Case
- Belvedere Woman
- A Prefect of the Press (2025)

Plays –

- Fallen Walls
- Brazilian Blue
- The Cellophane Ceiling
- The Acquisition
- A Hero's Funeral
- The Old School Tie
- The Redemption
- Epitaph for a French Window
- Reflections in Autumn
- The Turtle Towers Case
- Waiting for Wells
- Gold and Silver
- The Turtle Towers Case (2026)