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I am a barrister at the NSW Bar specialising in commercial disputes, particularly those with an international element. I am a qualified arbitrator and accredited mediator. I have lectured in international dispute resolution and international business law at UTS.

Prior to being called to the bar I worked for 6 years as a solicitor in both London and Hong Kong with the firm Herbert Smith specialising in international arbitration and international litigation. I started my career in Sydney as a solicitor working in commercial litigation with Freehill, Hollingdale and Page and Norton Smith & Co.

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| Professional qualifications | 2010 Accredited mediator with the NSW Bar Association and appointed to the District Court mediation list 2011-2012 |
| | 2009 Accredited mediator under National Standards |
| | 2003 Qualified as an arbitrator |
| | 2002 Called to the New South Wales Bar |
| | 2000 Admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong |
| | 1996 Admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales |
| | 1988 Admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales |
| Academic qualifications | 2009 Sydney Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation (IAMA) |
| | 2003 Professional certificate in arbitration – Advanced course, University of Adelaide |
| | 1996 Master of Laws (Hons), University of Sydney |
| | 1988 Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney |
| | 1986 Bachelor of Economics, University of Sydney |

AREAS OF PRACTICE AS A BARRISTER FROM AUGUST 2002 TO DATE

Advising and appearing as counsel in relation to a wide range of disputes in the Federal, Supreme, District and Local Courts, arbitrations and ASIC investigations and examinations in the following areas of law: Corporations list, insolvency and bankruptcy (primarily acting for liquidators, receivers, administrators, trustees for sale), banking and securities matters, Trade Practices, commercial law, admiralty, equity and trusts, international arbitration and mediation, international trade, sale of goods and international law including forum disputes and conflict of laws issues, defamation, building disputes, professional negligence, administrative law, land and environment, white collar criminal and discrimination law matters.

SUMMARY OF RECENT CASES IN RELATION TO ARBITRATION OR INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OR PARTIES (copies of judgments available on request)

- **ASIC examinations** –for a number of examinees in relation to a major ASIC examination;
- ***Sigma Coachair Group Pty Limited v Bock Australia Pty Limited & Anor*** [2009] NSWSC 684 - application by foreign defendant to challenge the jurisdiction of the NSW Supreme Court, successfully opposed;
- ***ICC arbitration with seat in Sydney 2009*** –an ICC arbitration relating to a commercial dispute with its seat in Sydney, and on a costs application and preliminary advice on enforcement;
- ***Sumitomo Corporation v CV Scheepvaartonderneming Emmagracht*** [2009] FCA 1127 – costs argument in a stevedoring dispute;
- ***Miltonbrook Pty Ltd v Westbury Holdings Kiama Pty Ltd*** [2008] NSWCA 38 reinstatement of a company and rectification of registers;
- ***Soldatic v Inverness*** [2008] NSWSC 734 – application to set aside a statutory demand;
- ***Showtime Management Australia Pty Ltd v Showtime Presents Pty Ltd*** [2008] NSWSC 618 – an application for leave to bring a statutory derivative action against a director alleged to be in breach of fiduciary duty;
- ***Showtime Management Australia Pty Ltd v Showtime Presents Pty Ltd*** [2008] NSWSC 594 - an application for interim relief against respondents alleged to have procured production of entertainment in South Africa in breach of duties, orders obtained to "repatriate" profits and notify future performances;
- Acted for a director charged with offences under the *Road Transport (General) Act 2005* (NSW) in respect of his deemed liability for offences of the company of which he was a director, including overloading vehicles offences;

- ***Cernaianu-Soare v NSW Land & Housing Corporation*** [2007] NSWSC 1026 –an appeal from a decision of the CTTT re termination of tenancy and denial of procedural fairness;
- ***ACICA arbitration matter 2007*** – advised on a jurisdictional challenge in an ACICA arbitration matter;
- ***Ian Lawrence Struthers (in his capacity as liquidator) of P.A.C.I. Pty Ltd*** [2005]

AREAS OF PRACTICE AS A SOLICITOR

Herbert Smith, Hong Kong - January 1999 to May 2002

International commercial arbitration and international commercial litigation and insolvency, in respect of disputes involving Hong Kong, Thailand, the PRC and England. Acting in a number of significant arbitrations in Asia under the ICC, UNCITRAL and AAA Arbitration Rules in the areas of projects, construction, media (joint venture related) and sale of goods and advising on related court actions

Herbert Smith, London - March 1996 to July 1998

International commercial litigation and insolvency matters

Norton Smith & Co. (changed its name to Coudert Brothers), Sydney, Australia – September 1990 to February 1996

Primarily commercial litigation and insolvency matters

Freehill Hollingdale & Page, Sydney, Australia – September 1988 to August 1990

Primarily commercial litigation and banking and finance matters

MEMBERSHIPS/LECTURING APPOINTMENTS

Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Member of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

Member of The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia

Member of Arbitral Women

Part time lecturer at the University of Technology, Sydney in its undergraduate/post graduate Masters course in International Dispute Resolution (international arbitration focus) in 2006 and 2007 and in International Trade Law (private international trade law focus) in 2006, 2007 and 2008

2007-2009 - Secretary of the Women Barristers Forum, a section of the NSW Bar Association and a member of the “Bar News” publication committee

Sat as arbitrator in the NSW CIARB inaugural International Arbitration Moot held in May 2009 at UTS and in other moot arbitrations

PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS WHILE AT THE BAR

[Case note "Avoiding unintentional admissions which can be used in criminal proceedings – ACCC v Pratt \(No 3\) \(2009\) 175 FCR 558\) in \(2009\) 17 Trade Practices Law Journal 283](#)

"Constructive Trusts and Tracing, latest developments in Australian law and recent developments under English and Hong Kong law" at a Legalwise Seminar on "Equitable Remedies" on 21 August 2003

"Remedies and Equitable Contribution" at the UNSW "Commercial Contract Litigation" seminar held on 12 November 2002 at the Grace Hotel, Sydney

"Preparation for performance" to the Bar reader's course on 10 March 2003 and other more recent lectures at the request of the Course Director

While at Herbert Smith Hong Kong I contributed to a number of client arbitration briefing papers and presented papers on Asia arbitration and was involved in writing the White Book Commentary to O. 73 rr. 11 to 18 RHC Hong Kong (payments into Court in respect of arbitrations) published by Sweet & Maxwell in December 2000

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