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**AREAS OF PRACTICE**

- Commercial  
Equity & Trusts  
Company & Insolvency
- Trade Practices  
Intellectual Property
- Professional Negligence  
Disciplinary & Inquests  
Administrative
- Tax & Stamp Duties
- Admiralty & Maritime  
Constitutional  
Military

**PROFILE**

- Tennyson Medal for English Literature (1982)
- State Prize for Classical Studies (1982)
- Universities of Adelaide and Oxford
- First in Elements of Law (1983)
- R.W. Bennet Prize (1983)
- First in Contract Law (1984)
- First in Law of Trusts (1985)
- First in Roman Law (1986)
- First Class Honours (Adel: 1987)
- Honours Dissertation ranked first
- David Murray Prize (1987)
- Knox & Hargrave Law Scholar (1989)
  
- Associate to the late Justice J.M. White  
Supreme Court of South Australia (1987)
- Admitted to the Bar (1988)
- Solicitor (Tax & Commercial Litigation)  
Minter Ellison (1988-1995)
- Signed Bar Roll (1995)

## SAMPLE CASES

*Southwest Queensland Gas Price Arbitration*  
private arbitration of price of gas delivered to SA  
from SWQ

*Amarantos Shipping Co. v South Australia* (FC)  
Maritime collision – merchant shipping –  
limitation of liability - constitutional aspects  
negligence of harbor authorities

*Cabal v United Mexican States* (Fed Ct)  
Extradition – complex banking and money  
laundering offences

*Al Khafaji v DIMIA* (HC)  
Refugee – indefinite detention

*Behrooz v Morrison* (HC)  
Refugees - punitive detention

*S & M v MIMIA* (Fed C)  
Refugees – negligence of detention authorities  
mental injury

*Gibbons v Pozzan* (FC & HC)  
Validity of guarantee – execution of deeds  
company law; constitutional aspects

*Merrell Associates v Qld Nominees* (FC)  
government takeover of superannuation trust -  
validity of mortgage - priority agreements –  
contract frustration, third party benefits and  
constitutional aspects

*NP Generations Pty Ltd v Feneley* (FC)  
*Southern Real Estate v Dellow* (FC)  
breach of confidence - misuse of client lists  
scope of duty – measure of damages

*Angas Law Services v Carabelas* (FC & HC)  
liquidation – preferences - alleged breach of  
directors' duties over a period of years complex  
reconstruction of accounts ratification

*Knox & Hargrave v Fullston* (DC)  
professional negligence by solicitors in conduct of  
complex litigation

*Australian Education Union v Dept of Education*  
(FC)  
statutory error – recovery of arrears of long  
service leave entitlements spanning 40 years

*Krakos Investments Pty Ltd v FCT* (Fed C)  
CGT on licensed premises – nature of goodwill

*Woolcombers (WA) Pty Ltd v FCT* (Fed C)  
transfer of group losses

*Craminster Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Stamps*  
stamp duty - collateral securities  
old-style mortgage

*VSB Quota Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State  
Taxation*  
duty on fishing licences – extraterritoriality

*Thai v Police*  
extraterritoriality - separation of powers

*Gilchrist v Downs* (FC & HC)  
medical negligence – failure to warn of risks of  
surgery

*Re Logue & ors*  
court martial – assault among brawling sailors  
head injury – automatism

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## APPOINTMENTS

Constitutional Advisory Council of SA (1993)  
Guest Lecturer (Torts & Restitution)  
Adelaide Law School (1996)  
Lieutenant, Royal Australian Naval Reserve (2002)  
Board of Examiners, Supreme Court of SA (2008)  
Board Member SOS Children's Villages (Aust) Inc.  
(2009)

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## RECENT PAPERS

*Donoghue v Stevenson – An Historical Overview*  
South Australian Legal Convention 2007

*Sovereignty in the Australian Federation*  
19<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Samuel Griffith Society  
2007