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I am a barrister practising in a broad range of corporate and commercial law, including contract law, insolvency, real property, consumer law, and equity and trusts. I accept briefs to advise and to appear in all Victorian and federal jurisdictions, and am also admitted in New Zealand. I signed the Bar Roll in April 2015 and read with Christopher Archibald KC.

PRACTICE AT THE VICTORIAN BAR

April 2015–Present

I have a broad corporate and commercial law practice spanning litigious and non-litigious matters, with experience involving court appearances, provision of advice, and drafting of court documents and correspondence.

My areas of practice and types of experience:

- Contract law — advising on rights and obligations, drafting and reviewing contractual provisions across a range of subject matter
- Corporate law — share transfers, director duties, oppression claims, partnership disputes
- Insolvency — corporate wind-up applications, personal bankruptcy proceedings, unfair preference claims
- Real property — conveyancing and sale of land transactions, residential tenancy disputes, retail and commercial lease disputes, owners corporation matters
- Consumer law — consumer guarantee claims (defective goods, services), unconscionable dealing claims
- Equity and trusts — unconscionable conduct and estoppel claims, trusts (express, implied and constructive)
- Wills and probate — applications for testator's family maintenance, advising on terms of wills

Extracurricular:

- Member, Commercial Bar Association of Victoria
- Member, Australian Bar Association
- Member, Victorian Bar ADR Committee (2019–2023)
- Reporter for Victorian Reports (July 2017–Present) — I am a reporter for the Victorian Reports, a publication of significant judgments handed down by the Supreme Court of Victoria and a valuable resource for legal practitioners

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

July 2013–February 2015

County Court of Victoria

Associate to his Honour Judge Cosgrave (now the Honourable Justice Cosgrave) – Commercial Division

My role involved providing administrative and technical legal support to the Judge, including:

- Developing an understanding of the law relating to the Commercial Division, and compiling file notes and undertaking legal research as requested
- Discussing the status of litigious matters with his Honour, and providing input in the judgment-writing process
- Understanding the practice and procedure of all aspects of the Commercial Division, including the Banking and Finance List
- Attending to official correspondence, including communication with legal practitioners and self-represented litigants
- Liaising with associates to other judges in the Commercial Division, and staff in the Court Registry's Directions Group
- Accompanying the Judge into court for trials and practice court hearings, and maintaining a record of orders, rulings and directions given
- Maintaining up-to-date amendments to legislation and procedural texts

June 2010–March 2013

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Australia

Corporate Tax Consultant

- Advising Australian and foreign large business clients on a range of domestic and foreign income tax issues, including Top 100 ASX listed companies in most industry sectors
- Conducting technical legal research on case law and legislative authorities
- Drafting documents and reviewing third party contracts and technical opinions
- Preparing briefs to Counsel in order to obtain a further opinion on proposed advice
- Working on client accounts in the context of M&A, vendor tax due diligence, domestic and international corporate structuring, corporate tax governance and corporate tax compliance
- Meeting with clients to understand business priorities and proposed transactions
- Liaising with the Australian Taxation Office on behalf of clients

EDUCATION

<i>August–September 2023</i>	Seoul National University (서울대학교) Intensive Korean Language Program
<i>November 2017</i>	Korean National Institute for International Education (국립국제교육원) Test of Proficiency in Korean (‘TOPIK’) (한국어능력시험)
<i>March 2015</i>	Victorian Bar Victorian Bar Readers’ Course
<i>November 2011</i>	Supreme Court of Victoria Admission to the Legal Profession (8 November 2011)
<u>Graduate</u>	
<i>January–May 2010</i>	The College of Law Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice
<u>Undergraduate</u>	
<i>2005–2009</i>	The University of Melbourne Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts
<u>Secondary</u>	
<i>1999–2004</i>	Camberwell Grammar School VCE ENTER: 99.85 (‘Proxime Accessit’ to the Dux of the School)

PUBLICATIONS and RECENT CASES

- ‘Compensatory Damages and the Role of “Loss” in Actions for Tort and Breach of Contract’ (2022) 51(3) *Australian Bar Review* 320
- ‘Recent Decisions: *Morris Finance Ltd v Brown* [2017] FCAFC 97’ (2017) 15(3) *Personal Insolvency Regulator* 13
- ‘An Appealing Change’ (2015) 89(10) *Law Institute Journal* 40
- ‘Striking the Balance: Victoria’s Open Courts Act 2013’ (2014) 88(1–2) *Law Institute Journal* 40
- Links to published decisions of recent cases in which I have appeared can be found on my Victorian Bar website profile — visit www.vicbar.com.au/profile/8271