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Education & Professional Qualifications

2025	Accredited as Mediator by Australian Institute of Family Law Arbitrators and Mediators
2019	Practising Certificate issued by NSW Bar Association
2017	Accredited as Specialist in Children’s Law (Child Representation) – NSW Law Society
2015	Accredited as Specialist in Family Law – NSW Law Society
2014	Masters of Applied Law (Family Law) – College of Law
2011	Accredited as Independent Children’s Lawyer, NSW Legal Aid
2005	Practising Certificate issued by NSW Law Society
2003	CMA 2-day workshop – “Getting to Yes”
2003	Practising Certificate issued by Law Institute of Victoria
2003	Admitted to practise as a Barrister and Solicitor in the High Court of Australia and all federal courts
2003	Admitted to practise as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria
2002	Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
2002	Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice – College of Law
1995 – 1999	Bachelor of Laws (Honours) – Griffith University Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science) majoring in social policy and development – Griffith University

Academic Achievements

1999	Griffith Award for Academic Excellence
1999	Australian representative in the International Negotiation Competition, University of Westminster, London
1999	Winner of the Inaugural Australian Negotiation Competition, Wollongong University, Wollongong
1999	Top Student, Cross-Cultural Justice in Australia, Griffith University
1998	Griffith Award for Academic Excellence
1994	TJ Ryan Prize Finalist for Leadership, Academic Achievement and Commitment to Community Service
1994	Caltex Best Allrounder Award

Employment History

2024 – present	Senior Member, NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal (part-time)
2019 - present	Barrister, Commercial Bank Chambers
2013 – 2019	Family Law Solicitor – Randall Legal
2005 – 2013	Family Law/Care & Protection Solicitor – Legal Aid Commission NSW
2003 – 2004	Litigation Solicitor – Arnold Bloch Leibler Lawyers & Advisors
2002 – 2003	Associate to the Honourable Justice North – Federal Court of Australia
2000 – 2002	Legal Research Officer – Cape York Land Council
1999 – 2000	Research Officer – National Native Title Tribunal
1998 – 1999	Research Assistant – Cape York Land Council
1998 – 1999	Research Assistant – Dr Phillipa England, Griffith University
1995 – 1998	Legal Assistant – David Kempton Solicitor
1996 – 1998	English Tutor

Professional Publications

- 2002 “Courts and Immigration Detention: ‘Once a Jolly Swagman Camped by a Billabong’” (2002) 10(1) *Australian Journal of Administrative Law* 5 (co-authored with the Honourable Justice North)
- 1998 “The Stolen Generation” (1998) 23(4) *Alternative Law Journal* 168

Unpublished Papers / Presentations

- May 2025 *The legal definition of family violence in the Family Law Act 1975*
Presented to Family Law Pathways Network Conference
- May 2024 *Northern Rivers Family Law Practitioners Association family violence training day* – Panel Member
- April 2024 *Coercive Control: Intimate Terrorism* (new coercive control laws)
Presented with Sophie Anderson, Barrister and Michelle England, Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor, ODPP on behalf of the NSW Bar Association (Webinar)
- Mar – *Coercive Control: Intimate Terrorism* (new coercive control laws)
- Nov 2024 Presented to Legal Aid Northern Rivers Criminal Law Day, Legal Aid NSW Webinars (lawyers, community workers and FDRPs) and NSW Health
- Feb – *Kennon cases*
- Mar 2024 Presented to the Coffs Harbour Law Society Conference and North Coast Law Society Conference
- Mar – *Unacceptable risk cases and the intersection of family and criminal law*
- Aug 2023 Presented to the Legal Aid Criminal Law Conference, Sydney, Far North Coast Family Law Practitioners Association and NSW Bar Association Regional Conference.
- 2019 *Section 256A Applications: The Death Knell of Natural Justice or supporting the Paramountcy Principle*
Presented with Robert McLachlan at the Legal Aid Care and Protection Conference, Sydney
- 2019 *Family law / Child Protection implications of ADVOs*
Presented with Ben Cochrane, Barrister at the Criminal Law CPD Day, Byron Bay
- 1999 “*Certainty in Native Title: The Role for Indigenous Land Use Agreements*”
Circulated within the National Native Title Tribunal.

Professional Associations

2025 – 2026	Member of the Professional Conduct Committee for NSW Bar Association
2025 - 2026	Member of the Family, Adoption & Care Committee for NSW Bar Association
2024 - 2025	Member of the Family, Adoption & Care Committee for NSW Bar Association
2023 - 2024	Member of the Family, Adoption & Care Committee for NSW Bar Association
2018 - 2023	Committee Member/Treasurer, Northern Star Hockey Club
2017 - 2019	Member of Judiciary Committee, Far North Coast Hockey Association
2012 - 2017	Committee Member/Treasurer, Family Support Network
2011	Committee Member, Northern Rivers Women & Children's Services
2007-2008	Committee Member/Treasurer, Community Connections