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Curriculum vitae

Practice areas:

- Industrial and employment
- Superannuation – TPD and income protection
- Defamation
- Administrative law (including judicial review and professional discipline)
- Coronial inquests

Work history:

- Articled Clerk, Roberts & Kane Solicitors (1993-4)
- Employed solicitor, Roberts & Kane Solicitors (1995-2000)
- Partner, Roberts & Kane Solicitors (2000-2007)
- Barrister-at-Law, Brisbane (2007-)

Education:

- BA (1991, University of Queensland)
- LLB (1994, University of Queensland)

Experience:

- 24+ years' experience as a lawyer, including as a solicitor working in a small (three partners, plus employees) full service general practice law firm located in Brisbane CBD - but with a focus on the needs of the Queensland Nurses' Union and clients referred by that union to the firm (including 7 years' executive experience as a partner of that firm) and subsequently 11 years' experience practising as a barrister.
- Significant industrial and employment law experience including appearances in the State and Federal industrial commissions, Magistrates Court of Queensland (and Industrial Magistrates Court), Industrial Court of Queensland, Federal Court and Federal Circuit Court, in: appeals, demarcation disputes, right-of-entry disputation, public sector arbitration, unfair dismissal, general protections claims, misleading and deceptive conduct, restraint of trade, and workers' compensation proceedings.
- Special interest and experience in Defamation law, settling pleadings and advice work including pre-publication advice for a Queensland publisher (acknowledged by the author in: Condon, M, *All Fall Down*, UQP, 2015, p.569; and Condon, M, *Little Fish Are Sweet*, UQP, 2016, p.276).
- Significant experience and interest in professional disciplinary proceedings in relation to health professionals including appearances before the Professional Conduct Committee, Nursing Tribunal and QCAT.
- Substantial coronial experience - as a solicitor and continuing at the bar to present. Appearances in dozens of inquest hearings throughout the length and breadth of the State, and in NSW.

- Criminal law experience including trial work as a barrister in the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts, and previously as a solicitor on the Legal Aid panel of preferred suppliers (including life matters).
- Trial and applications experience in the Planning and Environment Court.
- Facilitation (since 2014), of the session at the Bar Practice Course “*Dealing with People from Minority Groups*”.
- *Pro Bono* advice and appearance work for a range of individuals and organisations.

Selection of cases

McLaren v Rallings & Ors [2015] 1 Qd R 438

Friend & Ors v Brisbane City Council (2013) 196 LGERA 337

Silver v Rogers (2012) 224 IR 439

Parker v President, Industrial Court of Queensland [2010] 1 Qd R 255

Re Boeing Australia Ltd (2007) 166 IR 371

Professional memberships

Australian Institute of Administrative Law

Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (National Treasurer 2012-13)

Bar Association of Queensland

Industrial Relations Society of Queensland