

## Present positions

Barrister, mediator, arbitrator, adjudicator at Francis Burt Chambers.  
Director, Government Employees Superannuation Board (WA).  
Acting Commissioner, Corruption and Crime Commission (WA)  
Senior Sessional Member, State Administrative Tribunal (WA)  
Member, Anti-dumping Review Panel (Comm.)  
Member, Panel of Legal Experts, Western Australian Electricity  
Review Board (WA)  
Member, Panel of Arbitrators maintained by the Essential Services  
Commission of South Australia



## Prior employment

Legal practice at Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills), a leading Australian commercial law firm, as follows:

- Consultant, 1 January 2004 to October 2005 and private ADR consultancy
- Partner, 1 July 1990 – 31 December 2003.
- Solicitor at Muir Williams Nicholson (which became Freehills) 1983 – 1990
- Articled Clerk - 1983

## Educational qualifications

Bachelor of Jurisprudence (University of Western Australia), 1982  
Bachelor of Laws (University of Western Australia), 1983  
Master of Laws (University of Western Australia), 1994  
Professional Certificate in Arbitration, General & Advanced (University of Adelaide), 2003  
Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (Queen Mary College, University of London)  
2007

## Professional qualifications

Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia (1983)  
Practitioner of the Federal Court of Australia  
Chartered Arbitrator, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)  
Grade 1 Arbitrator, Resolution Institute  
Accredited by the Law Society of WA as a mediator to National Mediation Accreditation Board standards  
Registered adjudicator under the *Construction Contracts Act, 2004* (NT) and *Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Act, 2004* (NT)

## Membership of professional bodies

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators  
Fellow, Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration  
Fellow, Resolution Institute  
Member, Society of Construction Law Australia

WA Chapter Chair, Resolution Institute

Member, Law Society of Western Australia (Deputy Chair, ADR Committee)

Member, Law Council of Australia (Member, Law Council of Australia Standing Committee on ADR)

## **Areas of practice**

Commercial dispute resolution as a lawyer and decision maker/third party neutral.

## **Experience as decision maker/third party neutral**

### *Statutory Roles*

Member, Panel of Legal Experts, Western Australian Electricity Review Board (WA) (formerly Energy Review Board) – dealing with contraventions of the *Electricity Industry (Wholesale Electricity Market) Regulations 2004* and formerly, review of decisions of the Economic Regulation Authority and gas access disputes under the *Gas Pipelines Access (Western Australia) Act 1998* including:

- ERB 1 of 2016 – *Independent Market Operator v Vinalco Energy Pty Ltd*
- ERB 1 & 2 of 2010 – *BHP Billiton Nickel West v Southern Cross Pipelines Australia*
- ERB 2 of 2008 - *Re Griffin Power*
- ERB 3 of 2008 – *Independent Market Operator v Alinta Sales Pty Ltd*

Senior Sessional Member, State Administrative Tribunal, including matters relating to planning and development/compensation, building and construction work and vocational regulation, including presiding at hearings.

Member, Anti-dumping Review Board (Commonwealth) – applications under the *Customs Act, 1901* connected with the imposition of dumping and countervailing duties of goods exported to Australia.

Member, Superannuation Complaints Tribunal (Comm), 2005 to 2011 – review of decisions of trustees of superannuation funds, primarily in relation to payment of death and disability benefits.

Commissioner (acting judge), District Court of Western Australia, 2006.

### *Arbitration*

Appointed as sole arbitrator in more than 60 ad hoc arbitrations, including 3 international disputes  
Representation of parties in arbitrations, commercial and construction disputes.

Member of the panels of arbitrators of:

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration

World Intellectual Property Organisation

Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration

Resolution Institute (formerly IAMA)

### *Mediator*

Acted as mediator in more than 100 disputes, including private mediation of commercial disputes and as a sessional member of the State Administrative Tribunal.

Represented parties at numerous mediations.

### *Adjudicator*

Acted as adjudicator in more than 100 adjudications under Security of Payment legislation, with amounts in dispute ranging from \$5,000 to \$70 million.

### **Experience as a lawyer**

Legal practice since 1983, as a solicitor/barrister at Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills). Commercial dispute resolution including construction and building law, intellectual property, contract, employment and industrial law and administrative law.

Appearances as barrister in the Supreme Court, the Federal Court of Australia, the District Court of Western Australia and the Federal Circuit Court, including on applications for judicial review.

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