

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **University Record**

- Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy major) Monash University 1991
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Monash University 1996 (Thesis "Legal Regulation of the donation of oocytes")
- Masters of Bioethics Monash Centre for Human Bioethics 2009
- PhD (Law) Monash University (APA Scholarship 2000 : current status – withdrawn in good standing)

#### **School Record**

- VCE 1988 Toorak College, Mt Eliza

### **EMPLOYMENT**

**1997-2000** Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Solicitor, Health Law and litigation

As a solicitor in a small litigation based health law team, I developed excellent drafting skills and general civil litigation experience. Some of the work I completed included:

- Designing, managing, writing and implementing a compliance programme for Southern Healthcare Network

- Appearing for patients, health care networks and medical practitioners before the Guardianship Board of Victoria, the Medical Board of Victoria and VCAT in the review of Mental Health Review Board decisions
- Acting for 3 major private health insurance companies in a Supreme Court administrative law action against their regulatory body
- Acting for patients in medical negligence claims (lingual nerve damage and Hepatitis C transmission)
- Obtaining an intervention order on behalf of nurses against a violent psychiatric patient •

Acting for a health care network in a contentious withdrawing of artificial nutrition matter •

Advising an area mental health service in relation to a vexatious litigant

- Advising a private hospital on its obligation to disclose information to the DHS and it's needle-stick policy
- Advising a health care network on its consent procedures in relation to incompetent patients, liability for a needle exchange program and for visitor's injuries
- Advising an international risk management company on the statutory immunity provided to quality assurance committees in Victorian health care networks

**2000-2002** La Trobe University, Lecturer and Course co-ordinator, School of Law  
Health Law and Medicine, Criminal Law, Property law

**2002-2012** Monash University, Lecturer and Chief Examiner, undergraduate and post graduate programmes, Faculties of Law, Health Sciences and Medicine

Criminal Law	Civil Procedure
Evidence	Torts
Forensic medicine	Introduction to Legal Reasoning
Health law	

As a university lecturer I have developed comprehensive knowledge in criminal law and evidence, torts and civil procedure and advanced my interest in medico-legal ethics. I have also developed my drafting skills in the very practical teaching of pleadings. I was awarded a teaching award in 2008, and consistently receive excellent student feedback. I have excellent oratory skills and a well developed ability to explain complex concepts simply to an informed audience. I produce very accessible summaries and flowcharts which are greatly appreciated by students.

**2011-2012** Volunteer Supervisor Monash Oakleigh Legal Service

As a solicitor in the MOLS Community Legal Service I have supervised students in the giving of advice on a wide range of matters including traffic offences, planning applications, residential tenancy

disputes, neighbourhood disputes, privacy issues, mental health issues, breaches of contract and sale of goods.

## **INTERESTS / ACTIVITIES**

### **Memberships**

- Current member curriculum review committee Law Faculty Monash University :Evidence, Criminal law, Civil procedure
- Past Board Member (Legal) Victorian Cytology Service
- Founding Chair of the LIV Health Law Committee, and LIV member
- Past Legal Member of the Peninsula Health Care Network Research and Ethics Committee (Frankston Hospital), the Inner and Eastern Health Care Network Research and Ethics Committee(St George's Hospital) and Past Board Member of the Carline Chisholm Institute for Health Ethics

### **Publications etc**

- "Victim Impact Statements are bad for Justice", in Beazer, M., Justice and Outcomes (Edward Arnold ;Australia 1994) p 164
- "Brave New Legislation" Journal of Law and Medicine Vol 2 No 1 p 7
- "Current Issues in IVF Law in Victoria" Radio Interview Without Prejudice 81.3FM July 1995
- "The Blood case – the need for national uniformity" The Health Law Bulletin Vol 5 No 8 p

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(co-authored with Bryan Gurry and Marcus Hoyle)

- "Is there a doctor on board?" e British Medical Journal (letters) 15 March 1999
- "Harvest my dead husband's semen" Health Corrs In Brief 1998
- "When pathology reports go astray" Health Corrs October 1998
- "Falling asleep on the job" Health Corrs October 1998
- "Is there a doctor on board?" Health Corrs April 1999
- "Case study ; Naxakis v Western General Hospital and Ors" Health Corrs June 1999.
- "Derek Percy and the rules of evidence in the coroner's court" Law Institute Journal September 2013
- "Do not pass go: Go Directly to Jail, the New Sentencing Landscape : The Abolition of Suspended Sentences" Greens List Breakfast Briefings 19 November 2013 (co-presented with Karen Argiropolous, Trevor Wraight, Greg Lyon SC)
- "Sex and drugs in nursing homes!: Trends in allied health disciplinary proceedings, Akolade Health Law Fundamentals Seminar 27 November 2013 (co-presented with Ian Freckleton SC)

**REFEREES**

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