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Qualifications: Bachelor of Laws, University of Melbourne
Fellow, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK
Member, Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
Grade 1 Arbitrator and Certified mediator, Australia.

Appointments:

1986: Appointed to the Panel of International Commercial Arbitrators by the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration.
1996 Appointed Grade 1 Arbitrator with the Australian Institute of Arbitrators.
1996 Completed the Special Fellowship Course conducted by The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London. Elected as Fellow of the Institute.
1998 Elected to the Panel of International Arbitrators of the Singapore International Arbitration

Arbitration Experience:

Apart from occasional appearances in the superior Courts my practice over the past 5 years has been restricted to Arbitration (as Arbitrator both as sole Arbitrator and member of a panel). Prior to that time I had conducted arbitrations as part of my general practice. Approximately half of that work has been in construction disputes: the balance in various commercial and private disputes. The largest dispute involved an amount in excess of \$AUD3billion

Career:

Admitted to practice March 1953.
Partner Gillott Moir & Ahern (now merged with Minter Ellison) solicitors 1955-1957
Admitted to Victorian Bar May 1957
Appointed Queen's Counsel: Victoria 1973; New South Wales 1976; Australian Capital Territory 1976; Northern Territory 1978; South Australia 1988 Western Australia 1996.
Admitted to Irish Bar 1991
Appeared before Privy Council prior to Australian Government abolishing such appeals.
President Australian Bar Association 1979
Chairman Victorian Bar Council 1977-1979
Vice-Chairman Victorian Bar Council 1976-1977
Member Victorian Bar Council 1971-1979
Member of Executive of Law Council of Australia 1977-1979 and Treasurer 1978-1979.
Member Victorian Law Foundation 1979.
Royal Commissioner into the activities of the Federated Ship Painters and Dockers Union and organised crime 1980-1984.
Chairman of Victorian Drug Rehabilitation Fund 1986-1994.
Director Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS)
Director and Vice-Chairman Jesuit Social Services
Chairman Victorian Government Sentencing Task Force 1989.
Member Barrister's Disciplinary Tribunal 1995 to 2003
Foundation Member of the Centre for Philosophy and Public Issues at Melbourne University.
1983: J.V. Barry Memorial Lecturer
1991: 9th SA Justice Foundation Lecture

Areas of Expertise: General commercial , construction and personal disputes