



GEOFF BOWYER

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF LAW & COMMERCE

1971 - 1977

Melbourne University

ACCREDITED BUSINESS LAW SPECIALIST

2007

Law Institute of Victoria

ACCREDITED MEDIATOR NMAS

2016

Bond University Queensland

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Admitted as a Solicitor in Victoria, 1978
- Director of Law Institute of Victoria, 2009 - 2015
- President of Law Institute of Victoria, 2014
- Director of Law Council of Australia, 2014 - 2016
- Law Council Executive, 2017 - Present
- Director, Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise Ltd, 2010 - Present
- President of Kangaroo Flat Football & Netball Club, 2012 - 2013
- Chair, Bendigo Community Health Services, 2015 - Present
- Director, Kangaroo Flat Sports Club, 2017 - Present
- Foundation Chairman of Bendigo Bombers, 2002 - 2005

A highly skilled legal professional with 39 years of commercial and litigation dispute experience across private and corporate practice.

Accredited business law specialist with the Law Institute of Victoria since 2007, practising predominantly in the commercial areas of contract negotiation, franchising, workplace relations, retail leasing and local government.

Accredited mediator with National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS), following graduation as a mediator from Bond University in October 2016.

Skilled in negotiating mutually satisfactory settlements to avoid protracted litigation and promoting future beneficial relationships.

Significantly experienced in engaging in mediations through retail leasing, franchising, work place relations and litigation forums centrally located in Metropolitan Melbourne and broader Victoria.

Astute at implementing negotiation and facilitation techniques designed to uncover and acknowledge common ground between parties, and to conclude disputes via sanguine participation in mediation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOLICITOR AT CLEMENTS MOTT & BETT, MELBOURNE

1978 - 1980

PARTNER AT BOWYERS SOUTH MELBOURNE & FLEMINGTON MELBOURNE

1980 - 1986

Practising predominantly in commercial and property law.

PRINCIPAL LAWYER PUBLIC TRANSPORT CORPORATION & SENIOR MANAGER PROPERTY & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1987 - 1991

SENIOR MANAGER PROPERTY & RISK MANAGEMENT ERICSSON AUSTRALIA

1991 - 1994

DIRECTOR KIDS CORPORATION PTY LTD.

MANUFACTURER & DISTRIBUTOR OF AUSTRALIAN MADE CLOTHING

1995 - 1998

CORPORATE COUNSEL & COMPANY SECRETARY AT SPC LIMITED SHEPPARTON VICTORIA

1999 - 2000

COMMERCIAL LAWYER AT MITCHELL MCKENZIE ECHUCA

2000 - 2001

DIRECTOR & MANAGING PARTNER AT BECK LEGAL, BENDIGO A LEGAL FIRM WITH 10 SOLICITORS AND 26 PERSONNEL

Former Director 2017 LIV Boutique Law Firm of The Year

2001 - 1 July 2017