

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

ADMISSION AS SOLICITOR

15 July 1997	England and Wales
2 December 2004	New South Wales
4 April 2005	Western Australia

REGISTRATION IN FRANCE

6 April 2006	Inscrit au Barreau de Thonon Les Bains du Léman et du Genevois, France
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PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member of the UK Employment Lawyers Association

CAREER HISTORY

NOVEMBER 2000 TO APRIL 2005: Senior Associate with Allens Arthur Robinson, Sydney & Perth, Australia

I commenced employment with Allens in their Sydney office in November 2000 and moved to the Perth office in January 2003. Although part of the national workplace relations team I had considerable responsibility for the growth of the practice in the Perth office.

I had conduct of a broad mix of contentious and non-contentious matters including a variety of breach of contract and unfair dismissal proceedings in the State and Federal Industrial Relations Commissions and a high profile application in the Equal Opportunity Tribunal. I regularly provided non-contentious employment advice in a variety of transactions to large corporations.

FEBRUARY 2000 TO SEPTEMBER 2000: Assistant Solicitor, Stephenson Harwood, London

I assisted Tom Flanagan and Kate Brearley in this busy employment team on a variety of high profile transactions including:

- assisting Tom Flanagan in the representation of 4000 managers of the Rover Group during negotiations for the takeover of Rover by the Tower Group Consortium during 2000; and
- day to day conduct of high profile claim by an individual under the Public Interest Disclosure Act which ultimately resulted in a 7 figure settlement for our client.

My employment with Stephenson Harwood greatly boosted my non-contentious employment law experience.

JANUARY 1999 TO FEBRUARY 2000: Assistant Solicitor, Kennedys, London

Assistant to a partner in the Employment Department, I managed a large tribunal caseload and delegated to a trainee. I had a wide and varied non-contentious caseload including drafting and providing advice on consultancy agreements, service agreements, contracts of employment, restrictive covenants, staff handbooks, the Working Time Regulations, confidentiality and on termination of employment. At Kennedys I received superb external training in public speaking and I regularly presented on employment law topics to both large and small client groups.

OCTOBER 1995 TO DECEMBER 1998: Assistant Solicitor and Trainee Solicitor, Brown Cooper, London

I carried out my training with Brown Cooper and went on to qualify with the firm specialising in employment law. I benefited hugely from the considerable responsibility afforded to both newly qualified and trainee solicitors as a result of working for a small firm.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Sept. 1992 - July 1993	THE COLLEGE OF LAW, CHESTER Law Society Finals: Pass
Oct. 1989 - June 1992	UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE LLB Upper Second Class Honours Degree (2:1)
Sept. 1987 - June 1989	BLESSED WILLIAM HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL , Rowley Avenue, Stafford'

INTERESTS

Travel, running, skiing, dancing and Pilates, food and wine.

FULL CURRICULUM VITAE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST