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LLM
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Grad Dip Legal Practice
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Barrister at 13 Wentworth Selborne Chambers (current) practicing in:

Taxation litigation and advice (State and Federal)	Commercial litigation
Equity	Property
Wills and Probate	Criminal
Insurance and Professional indemnity	Common Law

Previous Employment

Solicitor of SBN Lawyers, a specialist legal practice in Sydney, from March 2009 to April 2011. I provided advice to and represented clients in respect of:

- Tax planning and litigation with revenue authorities
- White collar criminal matters involving ATO, OSR's, Cth & State Crime Commissions
- Superannuation and Estates
- Financial and commercial structures
- Commercial litigation
- Corporations and Trust matters

Before joining SBN Lawyers I was a solicitor at Binetter Vale Lawyers (April 2006 to March 2009), a firm practicing in the same areas as SBN Lawyers.

Michael also lectured in Tax Law the University of New South Wales in 2009 and 2010.

Associate to His Honour Judge Marien S.C. of the District Court, from September 2004 to April 2006.

Legal Clerk at NSW Director of Public Prosecutions, from May 2002 to September 2004.

Qualifications & Background

I graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce in 2004, a Bachelor of Laws (Hons 1) in 2005, both from the University of Western Sydney, and a Masters of Law in Corporate, Commercial and Taxation Law in 2007 from the University of New South Wales.

I was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in October 2005.

Papers and Presentations

Papers or presentations include:

- *Practical Problems with the Personal Property Securities Act* - TIA Paper March 2013
- *Traps in Settling Litigation* – CLE presented 29 November 2012
- *ATO 1 Banks 0* – Cover Article for *Taxation In Australia* November 2012
- *Directors Duties: An analysis of where we are now* – CLE presented November 2012
- *Recent Pronouncements for Litigators* - Law Society Journal 2012
- *Breach of Contract* – March 2012
- *Using Services Trusts* – September 2011
- Presenting monthly tax training updates to groups of accountants
- *Changes in the Taxation of Trusts* September 2011
- *Directors Duties – the tax perspective* – Paper to Young Lawyers
- *An Introduction to Trusts* 2010 and 2011 for Tax Institute Seminar
- *Succession Planning: Superannuation and Trusts* Young Lawyers 2011
- *Tax Issues in Brining Entities to an End* 2010
- *Using Trusts to Defeat Creditors* UNSW 12 December 2007
- Presenter - “*Real Property Issues and Partitioning of Land*” – NSW Young Lawyers
- “*Changing Trustees: can former trustees benefit?*” *Law Society Journal*
- Presenter – “*Using Trusts to Defeat Creditors*” – NSW Young Lawyers
- Author – submission regarding Revenue Ruling SD 118 made to Office of State Revenue by the NSW Law Society OSR Liaison Committee
- Co-drafting submission of Business Law Committee of the NSW Law Society regarding draft form of *Charitable Trusts Amendment Bill* 2006 (NSW) requested by Attorney-General Debus