

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## TANYA HARRIS-ROXAS

### Qualifications

- 2000 **University of Technology**  
*Bachelor of Science (Applied Chemistry)/Bachelor of Laws*
- 2000 **University of Technology**  
*Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice*
- June 2001 *Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales*
- 2007 **University of Sydney**  
*Graduate Certificate in Health Policy*
- April 2018 **Called to the Bar and joined 13 Wentworth Selborne**

### Employment History

- September 2017- April 2018 **Clyde & Co Lawyers**  
*Special Counsel*
- June 2015- March 2017 **McCabes Lawyers**  
*Senior Associate*
- July 2012 – May 2015 **Kennedys Lawyers**  
*Senior Associate*
- October 2011 – July 2012 **Wotton + Kearney Lawyers**  
*Senior Associate*
- July 2009 – October 2011 **Hicksons Lawyers**  
*Associate, Insurance Litigation*
- October 2007 – October 2008 **Private consultant**  
*Retained by the National Heart Foundation, Healthy by Design project*
- October 2003 – December 2007 **Sparke Helmore Lawyers**  
*Senior Lawyer, Insurance Litigation*
- April 2002 – October 2003 **PriceWaterhouseCoopers Legal**  
*Lawyer, Insurance Litigation*
- December 2000 – April 2002 **McMahons National Lawyers**  
*Lawyer, Insurance Litigation*

### Summary of legal experience prior to being called to the Bar

- ❖ Acting for the NSW Department of Education in relation to bullying claims, sexual assault claims and public liability claims including (but not limited to):
  - claim by a student sexually assaulted while on work experience by an employee of the host employer. This claim involved providing policy advice regarding the work experience program;
  - claims by cleaners and other sub-contractors injured while performing duties at a school;
  - claims brought by students for physical injury while at school; and
  - claims brought by students for sexual assault by other students.
- ❖ Supervising a team of paralegals and junior lawyers in conducting a large volume practice in motor vehicle property damage including assessment of liability and quantum, as well as pure demurrage claims, for recovery and defended matters on instructions from major Australian insurers. Settling draft pleadings, correspondence and draft advices to clients on prospects and strategy prepared by junior lawyers and paralegals. Appearing at Local Court hearings for motor vehicle recovery-type matters.
- ❖ Representing interested parties at Coronial Inquests (state government and insureds under instruction from an insurer).
- ❖ Conducting litigation for insurers and self-insurers including preparing matters for Court, attending interlocutory appearances and instructing at hearings and arbitrations in the District Court of NSW, Local Court, Federal Court of Australia, Supreme Court of NSW, as well as courts in other States and Territories. Experience ranges widely and includes:
  - Public liability and personal injury;
  - Property damage claims;
  - Indemnity disputes;
  - Contract disputes;
  - Claims involving catastrophic injury; and CTP.
- ❖ Providing general policy and legislative advice to government including:
  - Acting as the coordinating lawyer to a NSW Senate call for papers concerning the NSW Department of Education, including supervision of a team of approximately 18 lawyers and administrative staff employed by the client. Altogether 600,000 pages of documents were discovered and catalogued in a 2-week period. I also prepared submissions in defence of privilege claims over approximately 35 boxes of privileged documents as well as the due diligence advice to the client. The documents were tabled in Parliament;
  - Providing advice and review of prospective legislation;
  - Providing advice regarding policy or contracts where relevant to a claim; and
  - Providing client support by preparation of briefing papers and monthly reports where required.
- ❖ Acting for hospitals and medical professionals in the defence of medical negligence claims.
- ❖ Acting for professionals in defending professional negligence claims and assisting professionals with investigations regarding their professional conduct including:
  - dentists;
  - psychologists;

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- private certifiers; and
  - real estate agents.
- ❖ Acting for an overseas-based high net worth family and associated company entities in a number of different litigation and unlitigated matters including:
- Tax proceedings against the Commissioner of Taxation in the Federal Court of Australia in Sydney regarding a tax debt exceeding \$150 million.
  - Defending a claim brought by the Commissioner of Taxation in the Federal Court in Western Australia for a mortgage to be set aside on the basis it was made with the intention to defraud or hinder creditors.
  - Prosecuting a claim alleging misleading and deceptive conduct and breach of contract by a gas supplier under a gas sale agreement where damages claimed were in excess of USD\$400 million.
  - Creation of a litigation funding agreement for individuals regarding the management of several complex litigated proceedings and the conduct of subsequent proceedings seeking declaratory relief in respect of the litigation funding agreements regarding the validity of the assignments made under the agreements and order of priority with competing interests eg garnishee orders.
  - Prosecuting a claim for monetary damages for misconduct by financial advisers/managers including bringing proceedings in the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the British Virgin Islands via a firm in the British Virgin Islands. Matter conducted in tandem with the lawyers in the British Virgin Islands to prepare applications and evidence including attending on the client in Dubai for preparation of a statement of evidence. Proceedings were also filed in the Federal Court of Australia in Sydney and the High Court of Singapore.
  - Prosecuting a complaint to the Legal Professional Complaints Committee against a solicitor acting for an opposing party for failing to make reasonable enquiries resulting in misleading statements in a statement of claim and making misleading statements to the client and the court in an application to amend a statement of claim. This included attendance at a hearing of the State Administrative Tribunal in Western Australia.
  - Managing media issues including drafting media releases and providing general advice on improving internet search results.
- ❖ Defending a director of a company in administrative proceedings heard by an ASIC delegate and brought by ASIC under s920A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) to ban him from providing financial services. Conducting the proceedings was complicated by the refusal to issue the director (an American citizen) with a visa to enter Australia to attend the hearing. Leave was obtained for the director to appear by video link from Hong Kong. Personally attending on the director in Hong Kong to prepare his statement and attend the hearing. Drafted submissions and supplementary submissions which were settled by Counsel. Subsequent to ASIC's decision, proceedings were brought in the AAT for a stay and a hearing de novo.
- ❖ Acting for a specialist medical training college in a claim brought by one of its trainees alleging failure to make reasonable adjustments for a disability. Initially brought as a complaint in the Australian Human Rights Commission with proceedings subsequently commenced in the Federal Court of Australia.

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