

Personal Particulars:

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Educational Qualifications:

1966 – 1969 BSc (Hons), University of Southampton, U.K.
1973 – 1977 LLB (part-time), Australian National University, Canberra.
1978 Practical Legal Training Course, College of Law, Sydney.
1978 (July) Admitted to practice as a solicitor in New South Wales.

Work Experience:

1970 – 1971 The Chemical Society, London.
1971 – 1972 Division of Plant Industry, CSIRO, Canberra.
1972 – 1973 Graduate Clerk, Department of Primary Industry, Canberra.
1973 – 1974 Class 5 Research Officer, Senate Standing Committee on Health and Welfare, Parliament House, Canberra.
1974 – 1975 Class 7 Research Officer, Senate Standing Committee on Social Environment.
1975 – 1977 Class 7 Research Officer, Senate Standing Committee on Science and the Environment.
1977 Class 7 Research Officer, Senate Standing Committee on Trade and Commerce.
1978 – 1979 Class 7 Research Officer, Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs.
June 1979 – August 1979 Clerk Class 8, Administrative Law Review Section, Legislation and Legal Policy Branch, Department of the Capital Territory.
August 1979 (acting), Clerk Class 9, Law Revision Section, Legislation and

June 1980 (promoted) – March 1981	Legal Policy Branch, Department of the Capital Territory.
March 1981 (acting) May 1981 (promoted) – July 1982	Director (Class 10), Legislation Section, Legislation and Legal Policy Branch, Department of the Capital Territory.
July 1982 – July 1983	Long Service Leave.
July – August 1983	Acting Director (Class 11), Legislation Section, Legislation and Legal Policy Branch, Department of Territories and Local Government.
August 1983 – January 1984	Acting Director (Class 11), Administrative Law Review Section, Legislation and Legal Policy Branch, Department of Territories and Local Government.
January 1984 – September 1984	Director (Class 11), Legislation Section, Legislation and Legal Policy Branch, Department of Territories and Local Government.
September 1984 – May 1985	Seconded to work on the Royal Commission into the Activities of the Nugan Hand Group.
May 1985 – November 1986	Class 11, National Crime Authority.
November 1986 – present	Principal Legal Officer, National Crime Authority.
March 1989 – present	Maternity Leave from the National Crime Authority.
October 1989 – February 1990	Freelance work, CCH.

My early duties at the Chemical Society, at CSIRO and at the Department of Primary Industry involved me in conference work, laboratory or scientific work as research assistant to Sir Otto Frankel, work which was to be preliminary to my MSc, and clerical duties and report writing respectively.

My work with various Senate Committees, the staff of which normally comprised a secretary and one research officer, involved the preparation of background papers, the detailed examination of written submissions, the calling and preparation of questions for witnesses, the collation and analysis of written submissions, oral evidence, reports and other background documents, and the preparation of interim and final reports with recommendations for reform.

During my time with the Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs, for example, I prepared a substantial proportion of the reports on the Delegation of Parliamentary Authority, the Scrutiny of Bills and the Freedom of Information Bill.

As Executive Assistant, Clerk Class 9, Law Revision Section, Department of the Capital Territory, I was required to conduct my own projects and to assist the Director in the supervision of the remaining officers of the Section which at that time comprised seven other officers. The Law Revision Section undertook reviews of areas of ACT law on a wide range of matters. Officers of the Section prepared drafting instructions, provided legal advice, liaised with the Attorney-General's Department in respect of legislative drafting matters and attended meetings, as required, on matters concerning law revision in the ACT. Matters which the Section was investigating at that time included rape law reform, air, noise and water pollution, sale of motor vehicles, the egg industry and sex discrimination. I acted for limited periods as Director of the Section.

I also directed the work of the Administrative Law Review Section of the Department which comprised eleven officers and was responsible for appearance work before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on behalf of the Minister in relation to a range of matters including rating valuation appeals, both residential and commercial, appeals under the Freedom of Information Act, appeals with regard to the payment of leasing development rights and appeals against the refusal of licences and permits under various ACT ordinances. The Section was also responsible for ensuring that the Department met its obligations under the Ombudsman Act and the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act. It also provided policy advice in relation to aspects of administrative law of concern to the Department. For example, the Section was closely involved in proposals for Commonwealth privacy legislation.

As Director, Legislation Section, I directed the work of up to ten officers whose duties included the provision of legal advice on a wide range of matters to other areas of the Department and various statutory authorities, the preparation of drafting instructions, liaison with the legislative draftsman, the Australian Government Solicitor and other areas of the Attorney-General's Department, and the preparation of various agreements, licences, appointments and other instruments. The Section also examined and, where appropriate, settled claims against the Commonwealth for damages in respect of matters falling within the Department's area of responsibility. The drafting instructions prepared by this Section concerned major pieces of legislation which required amendment on a regular basis, for example, the Building Ordinance, Motor Traffic Ordinance and

City Area Leases Ordinance.

With one exception, officers of the Legislation Section, the Administrative Law Review Section and the Law Revision Section were legally qualified or were in the process of obtaining legal qualifications. The remaining officer was in charge of the library, updating the considerable range of ACT ordinances and liaising with the Executive Council in respect of new and amending legislation.

During my eight or nine months with the Royal Commission into the Activities of the Nugan Hand Group of companies, I acted as instructing solicitor in relation to one major area of investigation, that being the accounting and auditing functions carried out in relation to the key Australian company of the Group, namely Nugan Hand Ltd. I also wrote several chapters of the final report. For the purposes of this work I was required to use the computer as an investigative tool.

At the National Crime Authority I have participated in a number of investigations which led to the successful prosecution of major drug traffickers and to the confiscation of considerable property representing the proceeds of drug trafficking. I have provided legal advice to members of a team in the conduct of its investigations and have also written more extensive advice for consideration by Authority Members. I have prepared documentation in relation to the obtaining of various warrants, the extradition of fugitives from the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. and the confiscation of funds held in overseas bank accounts. I have worked closely with officers from other departments, including the Australian Taxation Office and the Director of Public Prosecutions at appropriate times. I have also furthered my understanding and use of computerised investigative systems, and received training in the use of CLIRS and SCALE.