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Curriculum Vitae

I specialise in class actions, insurance law, equity and the law of corporations. I act for insurers and insureds in relation to indemnity disputes and class action litigation (including third party claims). I am regularly briefed to advise litigation funders about potential investments in the Australian class action market.

Prior to being called to the bar (2020) I was an employed solicitor at Phi Finney McDonald (class actions), a lawyer at Atanaskovic Hartnell and Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Ball of the New South Wales Supreme Court.

Prior to my career in the law, I worked in insurance for Lloyds of London, Syndicate 2468 (Marketform) managing a complex book of Australian claims for London underwriters and considering the various issues that arise from time to time with the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth) (ss 21, 28, 40(3), 54 etc).

I have been briefed, or am currently briefed, on the following class actions:

- **Dick Smith** - *Findlay; Mastoris v DSHE Holdings Pty Ltd* - class actions, securities law, led by Button QC, Fitzpatrick.
- **Count** - *R&N Hunter v Count Financial Limited* - class actions, financial services, led by Bagley and Martin SC.
- **Victopia** - *Koper v Zurich Insurance* - class actions, insurance law, third party claims, led by P Braham SC.
- **Whitehaven Coal** - *Les & Zelda Investments v Whitehaven Coal* - class actions, contract, corporations law, led by R Foreman SC.
- **Queensland Energy** - *Stillwater Pastoral Co Ltd v Stanwell & Anor* - class actions, competition law, led by Armstrong QC.
- **AMP Class Action** - *Stack & Ors v AMP Financial Planning Pty Limited* - class actions, financial services, led by Bagley and Martin SC.

I am also briefed on a number of contract, oppression, general equity and trust claims in the New South Wales Supreme Court.



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