

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Present position: Legal Counsel,  
Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

### **Educational and professional qualifications:**

- 2011-13: Nationally Accredited as a Mediator by AMA.
- 2010: Attended Bond University Dispute Resolution Centre Mediation training course and subsequent successful assessment.
- 2002: completed Master of Laws from University of Melbourne.
- 1983: Admitted to practice as Barrister and Solicitor in Supreme Court of Victoria & High Court of Australia, subsequently admitted in Supreme Courts of NT & SA.
- 1982: Completed RMIT Articled Clerks Course.

### **Relevant experience:**

- 14/8/12 onwards: Legal Counsel, Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, which role includes working with Indigenous charities and organisations on a range of legal issues particular to their circumstances.
- 2006 TO 2012: SELF-EMPLOYED LEGAL PRACTITIONER principally working in native title and with indigenous organisations, including appearing in Federal Court and as junior counsel in contested matters, and in many negotiations, mediations and case management conferences with Federal and State governments and sometimes with many other respondents.
- 2004-2006: PRINCIPAL LEGAL OFFICER, NATIVE TITLE SERVICES VICTORIA LTD (NTSV) (job-shared position) involved advising and representing native title groups, running complex meetings and participating in mediations, being a member of the Senior Management Team, responsible for all legal and Aboriginal community liaison staff, developing culturally appropriate policies and procedures, ensuring compliance with legislation and requirements of funding body.
- 2002-2003: SELF-EMPLOYED LEGAL PRACTITIONER principally working in native title field, including appearing as junior counsel in Federal Court.

- 1999-2002: REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR HORN OF AFRICA FOR OXFAM AUSTRALIA based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (job-sharing). We were responsible for the management and accountability of the development and emergency programs in Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia. I was responsible for monitoring and evaluation of the existing program and repeatedly visited various projects in north and south Sudan, where we focussed on developing grassroots community based peace-building projects.
- 1995-99: SELF-EMPLOYED LEGAL PRACTITIONER in Alice Springs primarily acting for Aboriginal groups and organisations in a range of matters including: in 1997 for the Central Land Council (CLC) I prepared, instructed and appeared before Justice Olney in the Alice Springs town native title claim; assisted CLC staff to develop culturally appropriate employment policies; assisted an Aboriginal organisation with complaints of sexual harassment; worked on gender initiatives with women members of the Northern Land Council and CLC.
- 1992-95: SENIOR LEGAL OFFICER, CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL, Alice Springs with considerable responsibility for staff supervision and management. The CLC is an Aboriginal community organisation and statutory authority established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976*. Effective culturally appropriate community consultation was essential in obtaining instructions from traditional Aboriginal landowners on issues arising and in policy development work. As the only woman lawyer I consulted with and represented groups of Aboriginal women in various significant matters. As a senior female staff member I played a leading role in raising the profile of gender issues within the organisation and in improving processes for effectively consulting and representing traditional Aboriginal women.
- 1991: Travelled overland for 12 months through Africa.
- 1988-90: LEGAL OFFICER, CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL, in Alice Springs & later based in Tennant Creek. My work involved representing and consulting with traditional Aboriginal landowners in a range of forums including land claim hearings, negotiations with pastoralists and mining companies, negotiations with government ministers and officials. I also had a considerable role in policy development internally and in preparing submissions to Federal and NT governments on relevant issues.
- 1986-87: travelling in Europe and Africa and living in South Africa for 10 months doing voluntary work in the Legal Resources Centres in Durban and Cape Town.

- 1984-85: LEGAL OFFICER AND ACTING REGISTRAR, VICTORIAN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY BOARD. My primary function was to provide advice to the Board members, other staff and information to the public about Victorian and Commonwealth discrimination legislation. I also registered complaints under Victorian and Commonwealth discrimination legislation.
- 1979-1983: During four years of Articles of Clerkship at Coltmans and Ryan Carlisle Needham Thomas, and then as an employee solicitor at Ryan Carlisle, I gained experience in a range of civil jurisdictions.

Current Board Memberships:

Member, Management Committee, Wellwishers Charitable Trust

Member, Northcote High School, School Council

Former Board Memberships: Nil

EEO categories: Not applicable

## **Referees:**

### **Referee 1:**

**Mr Damein Bell,**

Former Chairperson Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners  
Aboriginal Corporation,  
Heywood, Victoria

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Damein was the Chairperson of the Gunditjmara for much of the time I represented the native title group during lengthy negotiations and mediation. He has direct knowledge of my experience in formal mediation and informal dispute resolution including intra indigenous disputes.

### **Referee 2:**

**Mr Ian Irving**

Deputy Registrar – Principal Registry,  
Federal Court of Australia, Sydney 2000

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I worked with Ian at Native Title Services Victoria and subsequently have participated in many mediations and case management conferences conducted by Registrar Irving.

### **Referee 3:**

**Ms Ann Daniel,**

Deputy Registrar – Native Title  
Federal Court of Australia,  
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I worked with Ann at Native Title Services Victoria while advising and representing the Gunditjmara in Federal Court litigation and mediation.