

Curriculum Vitae

Education

University of Western Australia
BACHELOR OF LAWS

1997 – 2000

Experience

BARRISTER

2014 – present

- I act for a range of private (both individual and institutional) as well as government clients. My primary areas of practice are proceeds of crime and criminal property confiscation. I also accept criminal (particularly money laundering and/or drug matters) and commercial briefs.
- I was awarded the Chief Justice's prize for best performed reader at the 2014 WA Bar Association's Bar Readers' Course.
- I was also awarded the WA Bar Association's 2014 Essential Trial Advocacy Course Award for equal top performance in the Trial Advocacy course.
- In each of 2017 to 2019 I was recognised by Doyles on their criminal law barristers list, rising from Recommended, to Leading and in 2019 to Preeminent.
- Delivered numerous CPD presentations on:
 - *Criminal Property Confiscation Act 2000* (WA) and *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth)
 - Statutory Interpretation;
 - Money Laundering; and
 - The *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006*.
- Member of the Law Society of WA Courts Committee, and co-convener of its Magistrates Court sub-committee.
- I appeared as counsel in all Courts, including the Full Court of

the High Court of Australia. I have appeared unled several times in the WA Court of Appeal.

Australian Federal Police

DEPUTY COUNSEL, PROCEEDS OF CRIME LITIGATION

2012 – 2014

- Responsible for litigation conducted by a team of lawyers under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth).
- Member of the national management team.
- Responsible for liaison with State, Federal and International government departments.
- Regularly appeared as Counsel in Superior courts. For example:
 - In the Supreme Court of WA in the *Goldfinger* litigation, which resulted in one of the largest forfeitures to that time in Australia.
 - In the Supreme Court of Victoria in the early stages of *Commissioner of the AFP v SK Foods Australia Pty Ltd (in liquidation)*, which became the largest forfeiture in Australia.
- Presented with a United States Attorney's Award by the United States Ambassador to Australia.

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

PRINCIPAL LEGAL OFFICER

2005 – 2012

- Delegate of the Director with the power to commence litigation to restrain and forfeit property under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*.
- I appeared as counsel in a constitutional argument in *DPP v Kamal* [2010] WADC 67 and in the appeal arising from that decision *DPP v Kamal* (2011) 248 FLR 64; (2011) 206 A Crim R 397; [2011] WASCA 55.
- I had significant input into numerous legislative amendments, e.g. to the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*, the *Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 1987*, the *Foreign Evidence Act 1994* and the *Administrative Decisions*

(Judicial Review) Act 1977.

- Acted as counsel assisting approved examiners under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002*.
- Delivered training to international contingents.
- Worked with Mr Stephen Gageler SC (as his Honour then was) in his capacity as Solicitor-General.
- I appeared as counsel:
 - Before the Court of Appeal in an interlocutory appeal in *Smith v R* (2007) 207 35 WAR 201; 63 ACSR 445.
 - In pre-trial take evidence hearings of foreign witnesses.
 - In District Court trials arising from ASIC investigations.
- Member of the DPP's counter-terrorism group.

Christensen Vaughan (since merged with Gadens)

LAWYER

2004 – 2005

- Worked directly to the partners, Lee Christensen and John Vaughan (now Justice Vaughan, WA Court of Appeal).
- Prepared and conducted, and assisted in the conduct of, cases and liaison with a number of banking clients.
- Predominantly advised and acted on behalf of insolvency practitioners.

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LAWYER

2002 – 2004

- Worked on civil and commercial litigation matters in State and Federal Courts.
- Regularly appeared as Counsel at defended hearings in the Magistrates Court.