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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**ALEXANDER WARD**

**1. EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION**

- Barrister *Edmund Barton Chambers* 2003 - present
- Partner *Norman Waterhouse Lawyers* 2001 – 2002
- Partner *Ward & Ward* 1993 – 2001
- Practised as Barrister and Solicitor; employed Solicitor, Partner and Consultant *Ward & Partners* 1985-1993
- Admitted to Practice on Supreme Court and High Court rolls 1985
- South Australian Institute of Technology *Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice* 1985
- University of Adelaide *Bachelor of Laws* 1981 – 1984
- Primary & Secondary School *St Ignatius College, South Australia* 1971-1980

**MEMBERSHIPS BOARDS COMMITTEES**

Board Member: Adelaide Fringe

President: Commonwealth Lawyers Association (based in London)

Member: LSSA Ethics Committee

Member: Australian Defence Force Ethics Advisory Committee

Member: LSSA Lawyers Support Group

## 2. **WORK HISTORY**

- Acting as a Barrister conducting cases primarily in the District Court and Supreme Court (including appellate jurisdiction) on catastrophic accident cases, fraud cases, insurance issues and general commercial issues.
- Defence Force Discipline trials, Boards of Inquiry, Inquiry Officer, and Administrative Actions.
- Mediator
- Acting for the Motor Accident Commission (MAC) claims, SGIC and Allianz with emphasis on the following:
  - (1) Reviewing the accuracy of internal self-assessment programs
  - (2) Reviewing claims management standards generally
  - (3) Specific review on major claims (which represent the largest single liability for CTP fund)
  - (4) Reviewing pre-trial conference practices
  - (5) Auditing claims management standards of SGIC prior to hand over to Allianz
  - (6) Reviewing the cases identified by MAC to report on handling and possible negligence claims
  - (7) Advising on law reform and amendments of Statute following review procedures and specific cases.

Handling insurance cases involving fraud or suspected fraud, falsified claims, overcharging by professionals or difficult or unusual circumstances, and against unrepresented litigants.

Lecturing law students (undergraduate and postgraduate) on law as a profession (ethics) and civil procedure.

Providing CLE lectures to practicing lawyers on issues such as Fraud claims, CTP claims, WorkCover, Civil Liability legislation, Legal Ethics and Practice and Procedure, CTP claims handling, Constitutional Amendment regarding ATSI recognition.

## 3. **LEGAL PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION**

- President - Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- President - Law Council of Australia (LCA) 2011
- President - Law Society of South Australia: 2004 – 2005
- Scoping Study for provision of legal disciplinary system for Solomon Islands 2011

- LCA Activities include:
  - (1) Chair National Legal Education Committee
  - (2) Chair Corporate Governance Committee
  - (3) Member Military Justice Committee
  - (4) Co-Chair Rural Retention and Recruiting Committee
  - (5) Inaugural Chair, Audit and Risk Management Committee
  
- Inaugural member Indigenous Law Student mentoring program in SA and of committee setting up bridging course for remote A&TSI students to undertake legal studies. Keynote presenter LCA Constitutional Forum on Indigenous Recognition in 2011.
  
- Law Society SA Activities include:
  - (1) Membership of the Professional Standards Committee of the Society;
  - (2) Past member of Lawguard Committee which handles matters pertaining to legal professional insurance;
  - (3) Past chair and member– Council Disciplinary Committee;
  - (4) Past chair – Medico-Legal Advisory Group;
  - (5) Member- Joint Rules Advisory Committee;
  - (6) Co-ordinator, bikes for remote aboriginal children project.
  
- LSSA Presidential Achievements include:
  - (1) Assisting to organise and promote publication of the Law Society book on *The Effects of Petrol Sniffing*;
  - (2) Advocating the removal of possible civil liabilities for institutions that provide food to charitable organisations;
  - (3) Increasing public consultation to adhere to the Society’s role of making legal issues easy to understand for the general public;
  - (4) Attending at schools to lecture legal studies students;
  - (5) Working with SA Government on the institution of Tort reforms to Civil Liability Act.

#### **4. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT**

- Rank: Lieutenant Commander
  
- Commissioned as an Officer Royal Australian Naval Reserve: 5<sup>th</sup> March 1999
  - Winner, inaugural Sir Lawrence Street Award for legal officers 2014;
  - Completed all necessary training of the Reserves Entry Officer Course including NBCD Qualification, survival at sea and sea time aboard HMAS Brisbane;

- Discharging duties of a legal officer for Commanders of HMAS Kuttabul, RAAF Edinburgh and RAAF Tindall in relief manning capacity;
- Providing service for the Fleet Legal Office based at Maritime Headquarters;
- Acting for sailors, soldiers and airmen and airwomen with regards to all aspects of legal issues and obligations and entitlements in their defence employment;
- Providing relief manning at Fleet Base East, RAAF Tindal and RAAF Edinburgh, Fleet Legal Office;
- Providing advice and representation for the Office of the Director of Military Prosecutions (DMP);
- Representing a potentially affected person in HMAS SUCCESS Inquiry;
- Inquiry officer for various Inquiry Officer Inquiry investigations.

## 5. **OTHER INTERESTS**

- Member Army Reserves:  
Adelaide University Regiment 1981 – 1982
- Member Pipes and Drums  
Royal Caledonian Society of SA 1982 – 1990
- Writer and Performer:
  - *On stage* – University Footlights and productions with Shaun Micallef, Francis Greenslade and Anthony Durkin and Adelaide University Theatre Guild.
  - *Television Writer* – for Full Frontal and the Glynn Nicholas Show
  - *Television performances* – on Theatre Sports, ABC TV.
  - *Radio* – writer and performer of comedy scripts for Triple J, SAFM, and radio advertisements.
  - Appearing as regular commentator on legal matters on Radio ABC 891 (weekly) 2004 to date.
  - Writing and performing in award winning radio series, *Vintage Cellars*; *TAB*
  - Host commercial radio 5AA Breakfast, December/January 2012/13, 2013/2014 and 2014/2015.

## 6. **SOCIAL**

- Married to Amanda Ward on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1989, with three children, Nicholas, Xanthe and India.
- Born 29th May 1963, 10<sup>th</sup> of 12 children of Kevin and Joan Ward.