

Curriculum vitae

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Qualifications:

- 1993 DipLaw (Solicitors' Admission Board), University of Sydney
Admitted Solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 1986 Attorneys Admission Board
Admitted Attorney, Supreme Court of South Africa and Namibia
- 1981 BA.LL.B, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Work experience

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales (Aug 2004 to present)
Director, Australian Human Rights Centre, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales (Aug 2004 to present)
Director, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Sydney (1997 - 2004)
Co-ordinator, Public Interest Law Clearing House, Sydney (1992 - 2004)
Head of Legal Practice, Public Interest Advocacy Centre (1994 - 1997)
Assistant Director, Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC), Sydney (1992 - 1994)
Solicitor, Freehill Hollingdale & Page, Sydney (1990 - 1991)
Partner, Bernardt, Vukic and Potash, Attorneys, Cape Town (1987 - 1989)
Employed attorney, Bernardt, Vukic and Potash, Attorneys, Cape Town (1986)
Articled clerk, Bernardt, Vukic and Potash, Attorneys, Cape Town (1984 - 1985)
Junior Lecturer, School of Law, Warwick University (1983)
Junior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town (1982)

Recent appointments

Board, Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales (2006 to present)
Chair, Human Rights Consultative Committee, Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales (2005 to present)
Board, Diplomacy Training Program, University of New South Wales (2005 to present)
UNSW Health and Human Rights Initiative Steering Committee (2005 to present)
Management Committee, Gilbert and Tobin Centre of Public Law, University of New South Wales (2005 to present)
Homelessness Legal Rights Project Advisory Group (2005 to present)
Secretary, Human Rights Council of Australia (2003 to present)
Part-time Commissioner, NSW Law Reform Commission (1999 - 2006)

Part-time solicitor member, Legal Services Tribunal (Administrative Decisions Tribunal NSW) (1998 - 2005)
Board, National Pro Bono Resource Centre Board (2003 - 2005)
Advisory Council, Gilbert and Tobin Centre of Public Law, University of New South Wales (2000 - 2005)
Board, PEN International (Sydney Chapter) (2003 - 2005)
Advisory Board, University of Sydney Law School (2003 - 2004)
Board, LawAccess NSW (2002 - 2004)
Federal Attorney General's National Pro Bono Taskforce (2001)
Vice-Chairperson, Human Rights Council of Australia (1992 - 2001)

Select publications and conference papers:

"The Right to Legal Aid in Socio-Economic Litigation", in *Social Rights Jurisprudence: Emerging Trends in International and Comparative Law*, New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2007
"Human Rights: Shifting the Focus of Engagement", *Alternative Law Journal*, Vol 31 No 3 September 2006
"Writing History: the Many Faces of Truth", *Human Rights Defender*, Vol 15, Issue 1 May 2006
"Conscientious participation: working the law back to its bones", in *Changing Law - Rights, Regulation and Reconciliation*, Rosemary Hunter and Mary Keyes (eds), Aldershot: Ashgate - Law, Justice and Power series, 2005
A Common Purpose, New York: Continuum, New York, 2002
"Repairing the Damage - Achieving Reparations for the Stolen Generations", *Alternative Law Journal*, Vol 27 No 6 December 2002
"Beyond the Ivory Tower", Occasional Address, University of Sydney Graduation Ceremony,
Polemic: The State of the Nation, Vol 12 Issue 1, 2001
"The New Pro Bono - In whose Interest?" in *For the Public Good: Pro Bono and the Legal Profession in Australia*, Christopher Arup and Kathy Laster (eds), Sydney: The Federation Press, 2001.

Public Interest Litigation: redrawing the lines of engagement, Key-note address delivered to FLAC (Free Legal Advice Centres) conference, Dublin, Ireland, 2006
Facilitating public interest litigation: comparative structures and strategies, FLAC Conference, Dublin, Ireland, 2006
Human Rights Advocacy and Activism, Human Rights Law Resource Centre/PILCH, Law Week Seminar, Melbourne, 2006
Peering over the Horizon: emerging human rights issues and challenges for law reform, Australasian Law Reform Agencies Conference (ALRAC), Sydney, 2006
Peace and Human Rights Education, Fulbright Symposium, University of Melbourne, 2006
Using the Legal System to Effect Social Change, Australian Lawyers and Social Change Conference, ANU, Canberra, 2004
Through the Barbed Wire: Barriers to the Conduct of Human Rights Litigation, National Legal Aid Conference, Brisbane, 2004
Restorative Justice: Transition to the Rule of Law, 13th Commonwealth Law Conference, Melbourne, 2003
The Death Penalty - Unfairness, Inequality and a Crime in Itself, 13th Commonwealth Law Conference, Melbourne, 2003
The Practice of Human Rights Law in Australia, Amnesty International, Sydney, 2003
In the Public Interest, Transforming Access to Justice: The Second National Pro Bono

Conference, Sydney, 2003

Working in tandem – The Australian Pro Bono Experience, ‘Partnerships between Lawyers and the Community’, international conference hosted by the Ford Foundation and Pro Bono Fundacion, Santiago, Chile, 2002

Towards a Bill of Rights: the Role of Public Interest Litigation, Women and Justice Forum, Women’s Legal Centre and ACT Bill of Rights Consultative Committee, Canberra, 2002

Developing public interest clinical programs, International Forum on Public Interest and Pro Bono Legal Practice, Faculty of Law, University of Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2001

Practising in the Public Interest: Bridging Law and Justice, Public Interest Law Clearing House (PILCH), Melbourne, 2001

Transforming Society – the value of community for education, Occasional Address, Faculties of Arts and Law Graduation Ceremony, University of Wollongong, 2000