

## 2006 senior counsel

### Michael John King

Forbes

Michael John King began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 10 September 1976. His principal areas of practice are criminal law, commissions of inquiry and appellate cases. Since the early 1990s Michael has appeared in numerous commissions of inquiry, including the Wood Royal Commission and ICAC inquiries into the Department of Corrective Services and the Public Employment Office. [BA LLB (University of Sydney)]

### Andrew Lidden

Frederick Jordan

Andrew Lidden began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 10 February 1978. His principal areas of practice are personal injury and professional negligence. [BA LLB (The Australian National University)]

### Christopher Simpson

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Christopher Simpson began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 2 August 1985. His principal areas of practice are commercial, equity and family law. He is a member of the Bar Council. [LLB (The Australian National University)]

### David Dalton

Maurice Byers

David Dalton began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 22 May 1987. His principal areas of practice are criminal law and appellate cases. [LLB (University of Sydney)]

### Elizabeth Wilkins

Crown Prosecutors

Elizabeth Wilkins began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 6 November 1987 and was appointed as a crown prosecutor in 1999. Her principal areas of practice are criminal law and appellate cases. Between 1994 and 1999 Elizabeth was part time president of the Commonwealth Medical Services Review Tribunal. She is a member of the Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee. [BA LLB (University of Adelaide)]

### Leonie Flannery

Carl Shannon

Leonie Flannery began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 3 August 1990 and was appointed as a public defender in 1996. Her principal area of practice is criminal law. For several years Leonie was a member of a Bar Association professional conduct committee and in 1999 she was a trainer at a Bar Association advocacy course in Tonga. [BA LLB (University of Sydney)]

### Ian Neil

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Wentworth

Ian Neil began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 8 February 1991. His principal areas of practice are commissions of inquiry, administrative and industrial law. In 2001-2002 Ian was one of the counsel assisting the Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry. He has appeared in the special commissions of inquiry into the Glenbrook and Waterfall rail accidents, as well as the Australian Government's inquiry into the UN Oil for Food Programme. [BA LLB (University of Sydney)]

### Geoffrey Bellew

Seventh Floor Garfield Barwick

Geoffrey Bellew began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 12 March 1991. His principal areas of practice are professional negligence, common law and criminal law. Geoffrey has been assistant editor or co-author of a number of LexisNexis publications, such as *District Court Procedure (NSW)* [1994-2005], *Ritchie's Uniform Civil Procedure NSW*. [Dip L (Barristers' Admission Board)]

### Greg Nell

Seven Wentworth

Greg Nell began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 2 August 1991. His principal areas of practice are transportation, commercial, insurance and international law. [BEC LLM (University of Sydney)]

### Robert Beech-Jones

11 St James Hall

Robert Beech-Jones commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 31 August 1992. His major areas of practice are administrative law, commercial law and regulatory work. Over the last few years Robert was one of the counsel assisting the HIH Royal Commission and was counsel assisting the ICAC Inquiry into the Land Dealings of the Koornpathoo Aboriginal Land Council. He is a member of a Bar Association professional conduct committee. [LLB (Hons) BSc (Australian National University)].

## **Katrina Howard**

15 Wardell

Katrina Howard began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 4 February 1993. Her principal area of practice is intellectual property law, especially in the areas of pharmaceuticals and biotechnology patents. Katrina has also written for CCH's *Industrial and Intellectual Property Reporter*. [LLB (Hons) (University of Melbourne); BSc (Hons) (Monash University)]

## **Adrian Galasso**

9 Wentworth

Adrian Galasso commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 22 March 1993. His principal areas of practice are in environmental and planning law, local government and administrative law. Adrian was appointed in 2006 as chair of the Cowra Independent Review Panel to enquire into land use planning and decision making of Cowra Council. [LLB (University of Sydney)]

## **Nye Perram**

12 Wentworth/Selborne

Nye Perram began practising at the New South Wales Bar on 22 March 1993. His major areas of practice include constitutional and administrative law, equity, commercial law and corporate regulation. Nye has been a member of the Bar Council in 1997-1998 and 2005 – 2006. He has served on a number of Bar Association committees, including the Anti-Discrimination Committee and various professional conduct committees. He is a contributor to the *Oxford Companion to the High Court of Australia*. [LLB (Hons) BA (University of Sydney) BCL (Oxford University)]

## **Roger Hamilton**

Ground Floor Wentworth

Roger Hamilton commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 13 September 1993. His principal area

of practice is revenue law. Roger has authored or co-authored a number of publications on revenue law including *Understanding Australian International Taxation* and *Lawyers Tax Companion*. [LLB BA (Australian National University) LLM (York University, Toronto) M Tax (University of Sydney)]

## **Andrew Bell**

11 Wentworth

Andrew Bell began practicing at the New South Wales Bar on 9 February 1995. His principal areas of practice are private international law, admiralty and insurance law. Andrew is a former member of the Bar Council and a professional conduct committee. He is a current member of the Limited Liability Working Party and editor of *Bar News*. He has written extensively in the area of private international law and holds a Doctorate in Private International Law. [LLB (Hons) BA (Hons) (University of Sydney) BCL (Hons) (Oxford University) PhD (Private International Law (Oxford University)]

## **Richard McHugh**

Banco

Richard McHugh commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 20 March 1995. His principal area of practice is general commercial litigation and he also practices in defamation and media law as well as constitutional law. Richard is currently a member of a professional conduct committee and the Common Law Committee. [LLB (Hons) University of Sydney LLM (Yale)]

## **Mark Leeming**

8 Selborne

Mark Leeming began practicing at the New South Wales Bar on 4 August 1995. His major areas of practice include administrative law, commercial law, insurance law, intellectual property and migration law. He is a co-author of *Equity: Doctrines and Remedies* and *Jacobs' Law of Trusts* and has been the Challis Lecturer in Equity at the University of Sydney since 2004. [LLB (Hons) BA (Hons) PhD (Pure Mathematics) (University of Sydney)]

## **2005 silks donate generously**

It is a long-standing tradition that each year's new silks donate a gift to the Bar Association or, particularly more recently, to one or more charities.

The 2005 silks donated more than \$49,000 to the Indigenous Barristers' Trust - the Mum Shirl Fund, Assistance Dogs Australia, the Indigo Foundation and the Wesley Foundation.

The Indigenous Barristers Trust, established in 2002, exists to help Indigenous lawyers, especially in their first few years of practice, as well as Indigenous law students overcome serious financial impediments to practising at the Bar. The recent very successful National Indigenous Law Conference, was held under the auspices of the trust and of the Bar Association.

Assistance Dogs Australia trains and maintains dogs in community settings to assist people with their disabilities and to help them achieve a greater level of independence. Not only do the dogs assist their companions physically, but also they also relieve loneliness and social isolation, helping their owners integrate more with their local communities. This increase in independence allows them to get on with their lives, often attending college, getting employment or just mixing more.

The Indigo Foundation is an independent Australian community development organisation, which provides assistance to improve the lives of people in marginalised communities in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region, working in the areas of health, education, and agriculture. The foundation is currently supporting community development projects in Rote, Indonesia, Hazarajhat, Afghanistan, Solomon Islands and Tamil Nadu, India:

The Wesley College Foundation, attached to Wesley College at the University of Sydney, enables old collegians to maintain the friendships they have established at Wesley. It offers foundation members opportunities to become actively involved in fundraising, mentoring, tutoring, strategic planning and benefaction.

The Bar Association thanks the 2005 silks for their very generous donation to these four worthy organisations.