

Curriculum Vitae – Adam Baker

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WORK HISTORY

Oct 2014 – Present Barrister – Victorian Bar

- Broad common law and commercial law practice:
 - airports & aviation law
 - torts (defamation, medical negligence, personal injuries, professional negligence)
 - insurance law,
 - product liability
 - trade practices
 - sports law

Sep 2013 – Sep 2014 Federal Court of Australia, Associate to the Hon. Justice Middleton

- Working on draft judgments
- Court officer with extensive knowledge of federal civil procedure and evidence
- Drafting orders
- Liaising with parties and managing the judge's docket
- Proofing judgments
- General legal research

Jan 2013 – Jul 2013 The Treasury Solicitor – Foreign Qualified Lawyer

- Litigator with significant autonomy working on High Court judicial reviews
- Good knowledge of UK civil procedure, administrative law and EU human rights law
- Drawing pleadings and drafting advice to the Home Secretary
- Instructing counsel

Feb 2011 – Jan 2013 Gates and Partners LLP – Foreign Qualified Lawyer

- Litigator working on passenger, baggage, third party and subrogated claims (both in the UK and worldwide) worth up to US\$8 million for clients including British Airways, Thai Airways, easyJet, China Airlines, Royal Air Maroc and Skylink Aviation
- Good understanding of the aviation industry and legal, regulatory and commercial issues affecting it
- Providing regulatory and commercial advice to clients concerning EU and UK laws
- Giving seminars to clients on pertinent legal topics
- Drafting advices, letters of demand, witness statements, court forms, consent orders and insurance market reports
- Oral advocacy in the County Court and mediations
- Instructing counsel

Nov 2009 – Jan 2011 Travel (Europe and the Middle East)

Sep 2008 – Nov 2009 Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia – Associate to the Hon. Justice Beach.

- Court officer with extensive knowledge, civil and criminal procedure, evidence and discovery
- Processing matters through the Major Torts List when the judge was in charge – preparing orders, scheduling hearings, briefing the judge
- General legal research
- Writing case briefs and summaries relevant to the cases before the judge
- Proofing judgments

Feb 2007 – Sep 2008 Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development – Aviation Lawyer

- Extensive knowledge of aviation law (international and Australian) and airport regulation
- Amending the Airports Act 1996 (Cth), Airports Regulations 1997(Cth)
- Writing a policy paper on the proposed Qantas restructure and its affect on airport regulation policy
- Liaising with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commisison
- Litigating vehicle import matters, managing files, taking statements
- Briefing counsel
- Providing policy and legal advice to the Minister
- Conducting consultation on proposed changes in policy and law
- Writing Ministerial replies to letters

EDUCATION

2009 Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, Admission as a Legal Practitioner in Australia
2001 – 2006 Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Science, University of Queensland and Victoria University of Wellington, 2001 - 2006

VOLUNTEER WORK

Winter 2011/12 Rugby writer for www.london24.com
Summer 2010 Rugby coach and English teacher in Nablus, Palestine
2007-8 Coach of the Under 15 Norths Rugby Team
2006 Volunteer Parent's Legal Information Line run by the Wellington Community Law Centre

CAREER SUMMARY AND INTERESTS

I am an amateur sports writer and covered the London Saracens Rugby Union team in Provincial and European Rugby Union competitions for www.london24.com. I am a keen sportsman, passionate skier, wake-boarder and lover of the outdoors. I follow the arts and music scene closely, write gig reviews, and conduct interviews which have been published on www.fasterlouder.com.au.