

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## ANDREA BANNON

### EDUCATION

- I was educated at Marian College and St Patrick's College, Launceston.
- I obtained a Bachelor of Arts/Law (Hons) in 1995 and a Diploma of Legal Practice in 1996 from the University of Tasmania.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- I was admitted to practice in Tasmania in August 1997 and Victoria in September 2005.
- I qualified as a LIV Accredited Specialist in Personal Injury in 2011.

### SKILLS & ABILITIES

- I have been a member of the committee which accredits personal injury practitioners for the LIV since 2012.
- In 2017 I was recognized as a pre-eminent practitioner in defendant insurance law by Doyle's Guide.
- In 2018 I was recognized as a leading practitioner in defendant insurance law by Doyle's Guide.

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Hall & Wilcox, Melbourne**

April 2010 - February 2019

I commenced with the statutory insurance team as a Senior Associate, was appointed Special Counsel on 1 January 2012 and Partner on 1 January 2014. I resigned from the firm partnership on 31 December 2017 but continued in my employment as a Consultant throughout 2018.

I had conduct, either personally or supervisory, of common law litigious matters which were outsourced by the TAC, initially for a serious injury project and later, when conflicts of interest arose in damages litigation. I was the primary point of contact for the TAC relationship, responsible for maintenance of that relationship with the firm, supervision of all solicitors at the firm with conduct of TAC litigation and monitoring the firm's performance for the TAC as well as billing and administration.

The remainder of my file work, both personally and in a supervisory capacity, was for WorkSafe Victoria, mainly common law serious injury applications and damages matters, particularly multi-defendant matters. The work traversed all Victorian jurisdictions and included media sensitive and strategically important matters.

As a member of the partnership team at a WorkSafe panel firm, I developed and maintained relationships with internal and external stakeholders including agent insurers, employers, the legal profession, Courts and Tribunals and members of the DMD of WorkSafe in peer and other reviews as required.

I participated in the development and execution of business plans and identifying future initiatives and risks and managed working relationships to ensure the consistent pursuit of the WorkSafe's vision and core values. I also assisted to implement strategies, policies and procedures in order to meet WorkSafe's key performance indicators and other objectives.

**Transport Accident Commission, Melbourne/Geelong** July 2005 to December 2009

I managed litigated common law claims, serious injury applications, VCAT disputes, Wrongs Act and section 94 claims. I was appointed Senior Solicitor in October 2007 and Senior Legal Manager (SLM) of the Victorian Common Law team in 2008.

As SLM, I managed a team of legal, paralegal and other staff to deliver legal and dispute management services to the TAC in accordance with business strategies, objectives, model litigant guidelines and relevant legislation. I provided legal advice in strategic or high scrutiny matters, exercised delegated authority to negotiate and resolve disputes and supervised the giving of legal advice and recommendations by team members.

I facilitated the recruitment, training and coaching of staff and the sharing of knowledge through knowledge management initiatives to ensure appropriate levels and quality of resources, services and skills were maintained.

**Tradex Insurance, London**

August 2001 - May 2005

*Senior Personal Injury Claims Negotiator (Aug 2001 – Oct 2003)*

I managed a large claims portfolio from initial notification until settlement or litigation, determining indemnity, negotiating liability and quantum, and, if required instructing Counsel in proceedings. The work was high volume, challenging, adversarial and traversed multiple jurisdictions in the UK.

*Team Leader (Sept 2003 – Aug 2004)*

I supervised and trained a team of negotiators and assumed control of more complex and high value personal injury claims on behalf of the insurer.

*Reinsurance Claims Manager (Aug 2004 – May 2005)*

I was promoted to deal with catastrophically injured claimants, directly reporting to the CEO. I had conduct of 130 files, half litigated, where total reserves amounted to £27.8 million. I was responsible for direct liaison with any re-insurers where required at regular audit and settlement.

**Transport for London (TfL), London**

February 2001 - September 2001

I defended claims for TfL against personal injury claimants with injuries arising out of the use of London black cabs, road, rail and tube transport.

**The Treasury Solicitor, London**

February 2000 - December 2000

I managed claims and litigation instituted by prison officers for workplace injuries and by prisoners for public liability claims in prisons, as well as coronial inquests.

**Murdoch Clarke, Barristers and Solicitors, Hobart**

August 1996 - December 1999

I had a comprehensive claimant-based personal injury practice (public liability, MAIB and worker's compensation) and also practised in the family law and criminal law courts. The practice required me to make all court appearances, including the conduct of Tribunal and Magistrate's Court hearings.

INTERESTS

I enjoy running, cooking, travel and theatre and am a keen supporter of the St Kilda Football Club.

REFERENCES

References are available upon request.