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Following graduation in law, I practiced as a solicitor with Allen Allen & Hemsley from 1973 until 1982 when I was called to the Bar. During my time with Allens, I practiced in general commercial work for the first five years and for the last four years was engaged in general commercial litigation.

Upon my call to the Bar in 1982, I undertook general commercial litigation and for approximately the last 28 years have specialised almost exclusively in matters relating to the building and construction industry. My practice involves large construction litigation for both principals and builders, and very often the insurers of one or other of them where the amount in issue usually involves some millions of dollars. I am also regularly briefed in Civil Works claims. Typically the cases in which I am briefed are in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, although I have conducted cases in other jurisdictions including Victoria and Queensland.

I do not maintain a list of matters I have conducted, but there would be many hundreds. Many of these have been reported in the NSW Law Reports, the Building and Construction Law Reports, and the Commonwealth Law Reports.

I am regularly appointed by the New South Wales Supreme Court and District Court as a referee in building disputes. I have conducted numerous arbitrations, mediations and expert determinations over the years. I am a Grade 1 Arbitrator.

I regularly present papers to industry groups in relation to the building and construction industry, and in particular, to the Institute of Arbitrators.

I took silk in 1998.