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Peter is an esteemed senior member of the Bar who for many years has conducted a broad range of matters both at first instance and on appeal. In recent years he has conducted appeals and special leave applications in the High Court of Australia, the New South Wales Court of Appeal and the New South Wales Court of Criminal Appeal. He has also conducted a number of substantial first instance trials, primarily in the Supreme Court of New South Wales but also in inferior courts including difficult trials and complex committals in areas such as tax fraud, money laundering, terrorism offences and, more recently, slavery offences.

His distinguished career has been characterised by a history of successful outcomes in several specialised, cutting edge areas of developing criminal law, including terrorism offences, international tax fraud, corporate offences, misconduct in public office and misfeasance in public office.

Peter is currently briefed as the leading senior counsel for the relevant authorities in a major cartel prosecution of several prominent financial organisations and their officers and in a series of major tax prosecutions for a range of offences including fraud, money laundering and blackmail. In addition, Peter is leading a team of counsel who are advising the relevant authorities in the prospective prosecution of a major financial institution for fraud and related offences.

Peter has been briefed in high profile matters involving criminal law, commissions of inquiry, torts including intentional torts, professional discipline and professional negligence. He has experience as an Assistant ICAC Commissioner and as Senior Counsel Assisting the ICAC and the former Police Integrity Commission (PIC). He has also appeared for clients before such inquisitorial bodies.

Peter frequently represents institutional and private clients in prosecuting and defending a broad range of serious criminal charges. Peter has been briefed by the State of New South Wales in a number of trials and appeals concerning the intentional torts of malicious prosecution and misfeasance in public office. He has also been briefed in trials and appeals in the criminal area of misconduct in public office including the successful prosecution of a very prominent former member of the New South Wales Parliament involving a lengthy trial, appeals to the Court of Criminal Appeal and a special leave application to the High Court of Australia, all of which were successfully conducted.

He has been briefed in many catastrophic injury and medical negligence cases including trials, appeals and mediations. In the area of professional discipline, he has acted for members of the legal and other professions in disciplinary and related proceedings including in the New South Wales Court of Appeal.

Peter is an experienced arbitrator and mediator, having conducted a range of matters including catastrophic injury cases, commercial and mining disputes among others.

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APPOINTMENTS AND ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 1996 Appointed Senior Counsel
- 1977 Called to the Bar of New South Wales
- 1971 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Laws – University of Sydney: 1970

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appellate
- Intentional Torts
- Criminal Law
- Commercial Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1977 – present Senior Counsel and Barrister, Wardell Chambers
- 1975 – 1977 Partner, Greaves Wannan & Williams
- 1973 – 1975 Partner, N J Neil & Co

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Throughout his career, Peter has delivered many papers on interesting and topical issues pertaining to the areas in which he practises