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With a broad range of experience in civil, commercial and consumer litigation, Andrew was called to the Bar following many years of practising as a solicitor in Sydney and Coffs Harbour.

Possessing extensive experience in superior and inferior Courts, including appellate Courts, as well as all levels of Tribunals, Andrew accepts briefs to appear in all Australian Courts and Tribunals, including regional and remote locations across New South Wales and interstate. His client base typically consists of both individuals and corporations.

The broad suite of matters in which he is briefed includes commercial and general litigation, corporations, trade practices and consumer law, trusts, estate litigation, probate and wills disputes, equity, rural and farming litigation, building disputes, nuisance, migration and family law. Andrew has also been briefed, and has a keen interest, in niche areas such as strata disputes and defamation.

With his broad-based background and prior experience as a Principal Lawyer at Slater & Gordon Lawyers, where he practiced for 16 years, Andrew has acquired extensive litigation experience and is commended for his flexible and adaptable approach to matters. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Waikato in New Zealand and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the College of Law of New South Wales. He is also qualified to practise in England and Wales.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2018 Called to the Bar of New South Wales
- 2014 Notary Public, Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2006 Admitted as a Solicitor of the High Court of Australia
- 2005 Admitted as a Solicitor of England and Wales
- 2002 Admitted as a Solicitor of New South Wales

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2014 – 2018 Notary Public, College of Law NSW, Sydney, Australia
 - 2008 – 2018 Accredited Specialist in Commercial Litigation, NSW Law Society, Sydney, Australia
 - 2004 Qualified Lawyer Transition Test, London, England
 - 2002 Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law NSW, Australia
 - 1995 Bachelor of Laws, University of Waikato, School of Law, Hamilton, New Zealand
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PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Commercial
- Defamation
- Corporations
- Trade Practices and Consumer Law
- Trusts
- Estate Litigation, Probate and Will Disputes
- Nuisance, Small Claims and Debt Recovery
- Equity
- Professional Negligence
- Rural and Farming Litigation
- Building and Construction Disputes
- Strata Disputes
- Migration
- Family Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – present Barrister
- 2005 – 2018 Principal Lawyer, Slater & Gordon Lawyers, Sydney and Coffs Harbour
- 2004 – 2005 Solicitor, Kirby Simcox, England
- 2001 – 2004 Solicitor, Slater & Gordon Lawyers, Sydney

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- *Shifting the blame* – Coffs Coast Advocate: 27 November 2013
- *Beware the devil in the detail* – Coffs Coast Advocate: 20 November 2013
- *Rejecting “pressing need” in qualified privilege* – NSW Law Society Journal: July 2011
- *Is it truly organic? A new regime for organic and biodynamic products* – NSW Law Society Journal: April 2010

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *An introduction to NCAT* – Legalwise Seminar: March 2021
- *Complete Litigation Funding Solutions* – ETC Business Leaders Conference, Coffs Harbour: September 2016
- *Four Fast Facts* – ETC Business Leaders Conference, Coffs Harbour: November 2013
- *Practicing law in rural and regional areas: from a plaintiff’s perspective* – Rural & Regional Law and Justice Conference, Coffs Harbour: May 2012
- *The top 10 reasons for delay in commercial litigation* – NSW State Legal Conference: August 2011

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SELECT PUBLISHED CASES

Stibbard-Leaver v Leaver [2021] NSWSC 65

- Section 66G Conveyancing Act trustee for sale of land; costs

Dave King Building Services Pty Ltd v LeLievre [2020] NSWCATAP 204

- Residential building dispute appeal

Murray v Raynor [2019] NSWCA 274

- Defamation [led by R Potter, SC]
- Consideration of qualified privilege at common law

Slaven v Prime Media Group Limited [2019] NSWDC 502

- Defamation
- Identification; separate question

In the matter of Jayada Logistics Pty Ltd (in Liq) [2019] NSWSC 1520

- Corporations; winding up
- Failure to deliver up company assets; arrest of director

Pluteus (No. 81) Pty Ltd v O'Neil [2019] NSWSC 923

- Possession of land; bare licensees

Engi v Minister for Home Affairs [2019] FCA 1081

- Migration; character test
- National interest

Song v Minister for Home Affairs; Cleansurance Australia Pty Ltd v Minister for Home Affairs [2019] FCA 970

- Migration; genuine occupation
- Legal unreasonableness

Hoang v Minister for Home Affairs [2019] FCA 956

- Migration; rehabilitation
- Jurisdictional error
- Extension of time