

SEAN BRENNAN

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Called to the Bar in 2004, Sean maintains a diverse civil and criminal practice. Areas of law in which he commonly practises include common law, commercial law, corporations law, criminal law, equity, real property and trusts, as well as mental health and guardianship disputes.

Sean regularly appears before judges and juries in the Supreme, District and Local Courts of New South Wales for individuals charged with criminal offences, plaintiffs in personal injury claims and individuals involved in disputes concerning real property and commercial and equity claims. He is a panel member of the Legal Aid General Criminal Law Panel and Legal Aid Local Court Duty Lawyer Panel. With extensive advocacy experience, Sean is frequently briefed to appear in interlocutory applications and has appeared in lengthy hearings against Senior Counsel.

Before joining the Bar, Sean worked as a solicitor in private practice as well as the Crown Solicitor's Office and Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales. Such experience has served to provide Sean with a solid foundation upon which to continue to build his practice at the Bar in his chosen fields of law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Technology, Sydney.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2004 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales
- 1994 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1994 Bachelor of Laws: University of Technology, Sydney

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Common Law, Personal Injury and Medical Negligence
- Commercial Law, Corporations and Trade Practices
- Criminal Law and Proceeds of Crime
- Equity, Real Property, and Trusts
- Mental Health and Guardianship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2004 – present Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers
- 2002 – 2004 Solicitor, Macedone Christie Willis Lawyers
- 2001 – 2002 Solicitor, Crown Solicitor's Office, Sydney, Community Law Practice Group (on secondment from the Legal Aid Commission)
- 1998 – 2001 Solicitor, Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales, Sydney, (Criminal Indictable Section)
- 1994 – 1998 Local Court Duty Solicitor, Legal Aid Commission of New South Wales, Sydney

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND PANEL APPOINTMENTS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association
- Member, Legal Aid General Criminal Law Panel
- Member, Legal Aid Local Court Duty Lawyer Panel

SELECT CASES

Supreme Court of NSW

- *Qu v Kuang [2008] NSWSC 727* - Appeared for the Plaintiff and recovered title to a residential property which had been transferred to the defendant through a forged Notice of Transfer where related issues of constructive and beneficial trusts arose.
- *Wu & Anor v Statewide Developments Pty Ltd [2010] NSWSC 1016* – Appeared against Senior Counsel in a 5 day hearing for the Plaintiff who wished to rescind an “off the plan” contract for a unit in a major property development and recovered the deposit and legal costs. Approximately 47 substantially identical other cases against the same developer with other legal representation all either compromised their claims heavily or were not awarded the legal costs of their hearing.
- *Hallani v Hallani [2013] NSWSC 91*
- *Hallani v Hallani (No 2) [2013] NSWSC 790* - Appeared for the Plaintiff and was awarded compensation where a family home was disposed of an assets dissipated using a disputed Power of Attorney. The purported Attorney was found to be in breach of trust.

District Court of NSW

- *R v Christian [2012]* - Appeared in a 7 day jury trial for a defendant facing 20 years jail for charges of kidnapping, garrotting and robbery and achieved a verdict of Not Guilty on all counts.