

ADRIAN J FINANZIO SC
CURRICULUM VITAE

Employment:

2012: Appointed Senior Counsel

1998: Signed Bar Roll

1995 to 1998: Solicitor Maddock Lonie and Chisholm Solicitors

Qualifications:

BA/LLB (Monash)

GAICD

Governance:

Legal Profession Liability Committee, the insurer of the legal profession in Victoria - Non-executive director (2015 to present); Chair of the Investment Sub-committee (2019 to present); member of the Audit and Risk Subcommittee (2015 to 2018)

Barristers' Chambers Limited - Deputy Chair (2019 to present); Non-executive director (2012 to present), member of the Audit and Risk Committee (2016 to 2019); Chair of the Property Sub-committee (2019 to present)

Victorian Bar Council (2011-2013, 2018- 2020)

Vice President (Legal) Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (2010 - 2017, non-executive director since 2005)

Deputy Chair - Readers' Course Committee (Victorian Bar) (2011 to 2019, member of the Committee since 2010)

Teaching:

Monash University:

- Adjunct Lecturer in Trial Practice and Advocacy 2004 to 2012.

University of Melbourne:

- Lecturer in Planning Law - Faculty of Law since 2011;
- Lecturer in Planning Law - Faculty of Architecture Planning and Building since 2009

Other:

Member of the Heritage Council of Victoria (2019 to present)

Member of the Counsel Committee of the Victorian Bar, a body which administers the application of the Bar rules and standards of practice for Victorian barristers, and which conducts hearings concerning related matters (2019 to 2020)

Member of the judiciary of the Football Federation of Victoria Disciplinary Tribunal (2010 to 2017)

Work Experience - Generally

The related fields of planning and environment, gaming and liquor licensing regulation, building regulation, land valuation, property law, local government and tort law.

Large public inquiries in relation to major development proposals and infrastructure projects, representing the State, government agencies, municipal authorities, opponents and proponents of development before the Supreme Court of Victoria, the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Panels and Advisory Committees appointed by the Minister for Planning under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Vic), the Heritage Council and Panels appointed by the Minister for Environment under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* (Vic).

Mediator in Supreme Court proceedings in commercial matters concerning land contamination, property and land valuation.

Appeared and advised in interstate disputes in the Northern Territory, Tasmania and Queensland.

Coroners' Court (as counsel assisting the Coroner White).

Bushfires Royal Commission for the Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria, the body which represents all volunteer CFA fire fighters.

Lecturing/Teaching

Adjunct Lecturer at Monash University between 2004 and 2011, teaching the undergraduate program in Trial Practice and Advocacy and the postgraduate program in Advocacy Theory and Practice (in 2009 and 2011).

Visiting lecturer at the University of Melbourne, Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Building, between 2009 and 2015 in the undergraduate and postgraduate streams.

Senior Fellow of the Law Faculty at the University of Melbourne where I teach postgraduate Planning Law. I have been a member of the teaching faculty of the Australian Advocacy Institute since 2004 and have lectured and taught advocacy around Australia.

Pro bono

Susan Crennan AC QC award for pro bono work in 2012

Advised and appeared pro bono in numerous matters over time, including:

- Coronial inquest into the death by fire of two people in an illegal rooming house in Sydney Road, Brunswick, for their respective families. The case raised matters of significant public interest in relation to the adequacy of regulation covering affordable housing. The Coroner's findings prompted a review of the legislative regime and subsequent amendments to the *Residential Tenancies Act*.
- Environment Victoria opposing the approval of a new coal gas-fired electricity plant in the La Trobe Valley.
- Coast and Country Association of Queensland, who opposed the approval of a new coal mine proposed by Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd in the Gallilee Basin in Queensland.

Significant cases

Konann v. Casey City Council (at trial, in the Court of Appeal and in the High Court of Australia on an application for Special Leave)

Hazelwood v Latrobe Valley City Council (at trial and in the Court of Appeal)

East West Link Inquiry (for Yarra and Moreland City Council in the Inquiry and before the Supreme Court)

Melbourne Metro Inquiry (for the Minister for Planning)

North East Link Inquiry (for Boroondara, Banyule and Whitehorse City Council in the Inquiry and in the Supreme Court)