



## **DR JAMES RENWICK CSC, SC**

**Areas of Practice:** I have a general commercial, appellate, regulatory and public law practice. Apart from appearing in many (about 25) leading constitutional cases in the High Court, I have extensive experience in most types of litigation in superior courts and in Tribunals as well as in many inquiries (both as Counsel Assisting and Representing), and in most varieties of alternative dispute resolution. I also appear in the Court of Criminal Appeal.

**Approach to legal practice:** Given the costs of litigation and the time pressures on judges, I aim to identify the critical issues as early as possible in a case and concentrate on these, discarding irrelevancies and distractions. I do this by meticulous preparation, working closely with the client and the whole legal team, and applying over 30 years of legal experience, strong academic qualifications and broad interests in many areas of law. As my clients include Australian governments and authorities, corporations and individuals, I am well aware that client aims may differ depending upon whether they are regular litigators with institutional interests, or individuals who may litigate only once and reluctantly. I am open to and familiar with the many alternatives to litigation in courts.

### **Admissions**

- Solicitor: 1985 –1996 (private and government practice)
- Barrister: 1996 to present
- Silk: 2011 - appointed Senior Counsel
- Admitted in all States of Australia and in Papua New Guinea and the Singapore International Commercial Court. NSW Bar Accredited Arbitrator.

### **Education**

Fulbright Scholar, 2007 (School of Advanced International Studies, the Johns Hopkins University). Parsons Scholar, 1993. Doctorate of Juridical Studies (University of Sydney) 1993 (principal supervisor James Crawford AC, SC (now a Judge of the International Court of Justice). Bachelor of Laws (University of Sydney) 1985.

### **Appointments**

Since 2017 Independent National Security Legislation Monitor (part time); since 2014 Senior Member, Appeal Panel, Administrative and Equal Opportunity Division, and Occupational Division, NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal; since 2012 -Adjunct Professor, School of Law, Australian National University. 2011 –2017 -Head of the Sydney Naval Legal Panel (Captain, RANR). Awarded Conspicuous Service Cross 2019.

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