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PROFESSIONAL ADMISSIONS

Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales:	February 2002
Admitted as a Solicitor of the High Court of Australia:	February 2002
Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales:	June 2004

QUALIFICATIONS

Masters of Laws – University of New South Wales **2002 – 2004**

Papers Undertaken:

- **Sport Commerce and the Law** (University of Melbourne)

Twenty Years On – An Analysis of the Court of Arbitration for Sport

Paper Published in the *Melbourne Journal of International Law*:

Darren C. Kane, 'Twenty Years On – An Analysis of the Court of Arbitration for Sport' (2003) 4(2) *Melbourne Journal of International Law* 611.

- **Issues in Intellectual Property**

A Comparative Analysis of the Rights Available to Australian Athletes to Protect their Rights in Personality Compared to Protections Offered to Celebrities in the United States of America

- **Sports Labour Law** (University of Melbourne)

The Need for and Adequacy of Regulations Governing Player Agents in Australia

- **Sports Marketing Law** (University of Melbourne)

Does the Olympic Movement Get Too Good a Deal Under Australian Intellectual Property and Olympic Specific Legislation?

- **Sports Law - Thesis** – 35,000 words

A Critical Analysis of the World Anti Doping Code.

Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice – College of Law **2001**

Diploma in Law – Sydney University Law Extension Committee **1994 – 2001**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1 January 2005 - Current

Lawyer – Colin W. Love & Company Lawyers

Sydney, Australia

Areas of Practice

Sports Law
Intellectual Property
Corporate and Commercial Law
Trade Practices
Commercial Litigation

Achievements

- § External General Counsel instructed by clients including the Rugby League International Federation Limited; Australian Rugby Football League Limited; New South Wales Rugby League Limited; Country Rugby League of New South Wales Incorporated; the New South Wales Institute of Sport; the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia; and the International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness.
- § Represented numerous high-profile athletes, actors and sporting administrators.
- § Solicitor instructed to act for Rugby League International Federation Limited in respect of the 2008 Rugby League World Cup to be hosted in Australia in 2008.

- § Represented Australian Rugby Football League Limited in proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia: *Seven Network Limited & Anor v News Limited & 21 Ors.*
- § Negotiated numerous commercial agreements including in respect of sponsorship, merchandising, television, Internet broadcast, stadia and venue hire.
- § Drafted policies, documents and model rules for clients including constitutional documents, disciplinary provisions and sanctions, doping control, media rules, commercial and sponsorship rules, and participation and affiliation agreements.

2 April 2003 – January 2005

Commercial Solicitor – United Utilities Plc

Manchester, England

Areas of Practice

Corporate Law
 Commercial Contracts – Advice and Drafting
 Commercial Dispute Resolution
 Commercial Litigation
 Information Technology
 Competition and Trade Practices
 Intellectual Property
 Media and Communications
 European Community
 Employment
 Building and Construction

Achievements

- § Managed the drafting, tender and negotiation processes leading to the outsource of logistics functions for the Plc group of companies worth £60 million and achieving in excess of £800,000 in savings over three years.
- § Advised United Utilities Electricity Plc on the purchase of a 160 kilometre, £3 million telecommunications duct situated in Greater Manchester.
- § Successfully coordinated and managed the drafting of a suite of commercial and procurement contract documents utilised by 19 subsidiaries of United Utilities Plc.
- § Advised on the successful recovery under contract of a £700,000 sum owed to United Utilities Electricity by French multinational engineering company.

§ Negotiated on behalf of United Utilities Water the settlement of a £4.5 million contractual claim made upon it in respect of the construction of a £36 million wastewater treatment plant.

§ Responsibility for the management of all environmental prosecution proceedings involving United Utilities Plc.

3 July 2002 – November 2002

Lecturer / Faculty Tutor (Part Time)

University of Technology, Sydney

Faculty of Business

School of Leisure, Sport and Tourism

Subject: *'Law for Leisure, Sport and Tourism'* (Third Year Undergraduate Subject)

4 February 2002 – April 2003

Solicitor – Giles Payne and Company Solicitors

Sydney, Australia

Areas of Practice

Commercial Advice and Drafting

Commercial Litigation

Sports Injuries and Liability

Criminal Law and Advocacy

Trade Practices Litigation

5 September 2001 – February 2002 (Six Month Contract)

Paralegal – McBride Harle & Martin Solicitors

Sydney, Australia

Areas of Practice

Criminal Law and Advocacy

Commercial Litigation

Industrial Litigation

6 June 1995 – August 2001

Sydney, Australia

Paralegal – Allianz Australia Limited