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Experience

November 2023 to May 2024

Peter Cummings SC

Research Assistant

- Research
- Drafting

July 2023 to November 2023 (locum)

York Law

Special Counsel

- Preparing written advices
- Drafting pleadings, points of claim and other legal documents
- Advocacy

February 2022 to March 2023

Broun Abrahams Burreket

Senior Associate

- Prepared written advices
- Drafted pleadings, points of claim and other legal documents
- Advocacy

November 2021 to present

Women's Lawyers Association

Vice President

- Event planning
- Networking
- Reviewing submissions
- Strategic planning

June 2020 to February 2022

Watts McCray Lawyers

Practice Leader

- Accredited Specialist (family law)
- Accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner

- Managed 7 employed lawyers & support staff including setting performance targets, managing budgets, coordinating leave, coordinating and encouraging professional development of staff, organising and speaking at networking events
- Prepared written advices
- Drafted pleadings, points of claim and other legal documents
- Advocacy
- Authored articles, recording videos and publishing peer reviewed journal articles
- Coordinated pro bono initiatives with the Redfern Legal Centre
- Represented children as an Independent Children's Lawyer

March 2015 to April 2020

Turnbull Hill Lawyers

Senior Lawyer (Criminal & Family law Department)

- Managed and set performance targets and carried out performance reviews for 4 employed solicitors and 2 support staff
- Conducted seminars for the public
- Lectured at the traffic offenders' program (TORP)
- Authored articles, recorded videos and published peer reviewed journal articles
- Performed and appeared for clients at mediations
- Advocacy
- Preparation of matters for final hearing and associated interlocutory proceedings
- File management
- Drafted pleadings, written submissions including mental health applications, severity appeals, and other legal documents
- Networked with other professionals

March 2015 to November 2017

Tantrum Youth Arts

Director

- Provided legal advice to the board
- Assessment of legal issues and development of resolution strategies
- Assisted with fundraising

August 2014 to March 2015

Dawson Solicitors

Associate

- Specialised in family law, property law, wills & estates and criminal law.
- Advocacy
- Website construction
- Developed marketing strategies including first step consultation packages
- Hiring and management of staff

Education

- Master of Business Administration - RMIT University (2023)
- Governance Institute of Australia - Certificate in Not for Profit Governance & Risk (2021)

- NSW Law Society Accredited Specialist (Family Law) (2021)
- Independent Children's Lawyer Training - Legal Aid (2019)
- Practice Management Training - FMRC (2019)
- Master of Laws (Family Law) (2017)
- Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution - Uniting Care (2016) (FDRP)
- Bachelor of Law - University of Newcastle (2013)
- Bachelor of Social Science - University of Newcastle (2012)
- Certificate IV in Celebrancy (2012)
- NMAS Accredited Mediator