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Bachelor of Science, University of Melbourne, 1978

Bachelor of Laws, Australian National University, 1981

Doctor of Juridical Studies, University of Sydney, 2003

Thesis title: "Clean up your Act! – A Comparative Analysis of Law concerning Contaminated Sites".

Work Experience:

Barrister since February 2003. Prior thereto, solicitor specialising since 1987 in Environmental and Planning Law – see below.

July 1999 – February 2003- Abbott Tout Sydney

General Counsel Specialising in Environmental, Planning and Local Government Law.

November 1993 - 30 June 1999 – EnviroLawyers, Sydney

Sole practice specialising only in Environmental, Planning and Development Law.

December 1996 – June 1999 – Sutherland Shire Council (in conjunction with EnviroLawyers)

Environmental Lawyer in large local government authority in southern suburbs of Sydney, comprising 375 km², 210,000 inhabitants, with environmental issues ranging from nuclear reactor, heavy industry, residential areas, waterways, national parks.

January 1989 – November 1993 - Sly & Weigall, Sydney (now Norton Rose)

Solicitor, Environment Planning & Local Government

October 1987 – December 1988 – Norman Waterhouse & Mutton (Adelaide)

Solicitor, Environment Planning & Local Government

March 1982 – March 1987 – Cth Department of Social Security (Canberra and Adelaide)

Lawyer appearing before Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Other Relevant Experience

- 1995 and 1996: Lecturer in Post-Graduate Law Program at University of Technology, Sydney.
- Various projects for UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organisation), in Madagascar and China. In Madagascar, Steven was engaged to draft that country's industrial anti-pollution legislation (in French). In China, for a project to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from town village enterprises, Steven's responsibility was to draft statutes for the establishment of the organisations to enable this to occur, and also for the preparation of contracts.

Some Publications and Seminars

- *Budapest, Hungary*, May 2008 at IUCN International Conference on Soil Protection – Plenary Paper, Law, “Reasons behind the Continued Increase in Legislation Concerning Soil and Water Conservation Law and Practice Concerning Contaminated Land”.
- *Lanzhou,, People’s Republic of China*, August 2007 at Environment Protection and Resource Conservation Committee, Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China and Asian Development Bank, “Law and Practice Concerning Contaminated Land”.
- *Reykjavik, Iceland* September 2005 “Legal Issues Regarding the Sustainable Management of Contaminated Soils with Examples from Australia” at International Workshop on Strategies, Science and Law for the Conservation of the World’s Soil Resources
- *Beijing, People’s Republic of China*, November 2001 at United Nations International Conference on Environmental Issues in China, “Obstacles to Compliance with Environmental Laws by Town Village Enterprises, and Applicable International Agreements Conventions and Protocols”.
- *Beijing, People’s Republic of China*, October 2001 at International Conference on Environmental Concerns and Emerging Abatement Technologies, “Analysis of Australian Legislative Provisions Dealing with Contaminated Land”.
- *Leipzig, Germany*, September 2000 at 7th International Conference on Contaminated Land.
- *Antananarivo, Madagascar*, December 1995, UNIDO project - conference paper and workshop for preparing legislative regime for the control of industrial pollution, “Un Cadre Légal en Matière de Pollution Industrielle à Madagascar”.
- *Berlin, Germany*, May 1993, at 4th International Conference on Contaminated Sites, “Responsibilities of Local Authorities in New South Wales for Contaminated Sites”.
- *All Australia and New Zealand capital cities*, August-September 1994 Groundwater Technology Seminars, “Some Legal Issues and Practical Comments concerning Contaminated Sites”.
- *Sydney, Australia*, 1991-2004: numerous seminars and papers delivered to lawyers throughout New South Wales concerning Environmental Law, Planning & Development Law, and Local Government Law, and continuing (approximately 6 per year).