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Chris was admitted to the Bar in 1986 and appointed Senior Counsel in 2004.

Prior to admission he was Associate to Judge Paul Flannery of the District Court and then he commenced as a solicitor McDonnell Moffitt Dowling Tayler (a firm specialising in Local Government Law) for a number of years before coming to the Bar.

Since 1990 his practice has focused on local government, planning, property and pollution law, and associated administrative claims. He has appeared in Coronial Inquiries including as sole Counsel for most of the NSW Councils following the 1994 Bushfire, and he has appeared at ICAC hearings on Local Government and criminal matters and environment related matters.

Chris undertakes pro bono work and appears for reduced fees in deserving circumstances and regularly provides advice for no fee to various community associations.

He appears for all levels of government and for private individuals and large corporations.

Chris has a particular expertise in commercial retail developments and s.94 contribution plans.

As one of the most experienced environmental and local government barristers in NSW, he has appeared in all jurisdictions in NSW, the Federal Court and the High Court.

He is a member of the Environment and Planning Law Association of NSW.

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