

# SANDRA DUGGAN SC

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **2010- Appointed Senior Counsel.**

### **1995 – Admitted as a Barrister to the NSW Bar.**

Since admission has practiced extensively in matters relating to Local Government, Planning and Environmental Law and Property Law in both NSW, and Federal jurisdictions.

Experienced in both the giving of advice and the representation of clients in court proceedings. In court appearances have had a primary focus on matters determined by the Land and Environment Court in NSW (including appeals to that court) and appeals to the NSW Court of Appeal.

Advise and appear regularly for: Local Government; Developers (corporate and individual); community groups; and Government Departments.

Experience includes advising and appearing in matters including (for example):

- ❖ Development appeals;
- ❖ Appeals against Orders;
- ❖ Criminal Prosecutions in the Local Court and Land and Environment Court;
- ❖ Appeals in designated development applications;
- ❖ Appeals in respect of Part 3A projects.
- ❖ Class 4 enforcement proceedings;
- ❖ Land valuation and acquisition;
- ❖ Rating and Land Tax Appeals;
- ❖ Local Government Act powers and duties in respect of all matters including: tenders; contracts; pecuniary interests; rating and taxing powers.
- ❖ s. 88K and s.40 easement applications, enforcement and extinguishment of easements;
- ❖ Negligence by Local Government authorities;

- ❖ Pecuniary Interest Tribunal proceedings; and
- ❖ Coronial enquiries.
- ❖ Mining- matters before the former Mining Warden's jurisdiction and now the Land and Environment Court Mining Jurisdiction;
- ❖ Access to neighbouring lands;
- ❖ Trees (Disputes between neighbours) Act proceedings;
- ❖ S.94 contributions – both the validity of s.94 plans and the reasonableness of the quantum of contributions.
- ❖ Acting as referee in Supreme Court proceedings;

**1988 – 1995** - practised as a solicitor and Senior Associate at McDonnell Moffitt Dowling Tayler, solicitors which later merged with Abbott Tout, solicitors specialising in Local Government and Planning Law.

**1988-** Admitted as a solicitor in NSW and the High Court of Australia.

#### ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

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- ❖ 2012 – to date- Chair of the Women Barristers Forum – as section of the NSW Bar Association
- ❖ 2010- 2012- Member of the Bar Association Practice Development Committee.
- ❖ 2006 - 2012 – Member of the Bar Association Professional Conduct Committee.
- ❖ 1990 – 2009– Committee member of the Environment and Planning Law Association of NSW (EPLA). Past President of EPLA. 2006 -2009.
- ❖ 2002 -2005 Bar Association Committee for Equal Opportunity at the Bar
- ❖ 2004 - 2006 – Member Bar Association Environmental Law Committee.
- ❖ 2003 – 2005 Managing Editor Environmental Law Reporter
- ❖ Member of the Law Council of Australia.
- ❖ Member Women Lawyers Association (NSW)
- ❖ Presentation of numerous seminars on topics related to Local Government and Planning Law and practice.