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Qualifications

- Nationally Accredited Mediator
- Law Society of New South Wales Specialist Accreditation in Personal Injury Law (1996 – 2008)
- Barrister and Solicitor, Australian Capital Territory (1982 – cont.)
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and High Court of Australia (1977 – cont.)



Professional experience

Since 1977, as a solicitor and principal of Leigh Virtue & Collins and, since 1994, as principal of Peter A. Collins & Associates, I have been continuously engaged in advisory, litigious and alternative dispute resolution matters. My experience includes all areas of common law liability, including professional negligence, commercial and domestic occupiers' liabilities, as well as disputes involving insurance policy coverage, interpretation, non-disclosure, and double insurance issues. I am very familiar with these issues as they arise in motor vehicle, industrial risks, disability, commercial and domestic property, travel, contractors' liabilities, machinery and most other general insurance policies. My experience also includes partnership disputes, costs disputes, conveyancing and estates.

Professional memberships

- Law Society of New South Wales
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Australia)
- Australian Disputes Centre ADR Resource Group
- Australian Insurance Law Association
- Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance
- Association of Fire Investigators (NSW)

Previous case examples (for fuller details please visit my website page, Previous Case Examples)

Re Barnes; Rule Nisi for Contempt of Court [1968] 1 NSWLR 697; **AMP Fire & General Insurance Co Ltd v Miltenburg** (1982) 1 NSWLR 393 (policy interpretation); **Cotton v. Phoenix Assurance Co of Australia Ltd** (1983) 2 ANZ Insurance Cases 60-522 (policy coverage); **Markus v Provincial Insurance Company Ltd** (unreported, Clarke J, NSW Sup Crt 1983) (privilege); **Do Carmo v Ford Excavations Pty Ltd** (1984) 154 CLR 234. (limitations); **Sklavenites v Phoenix Prudential Australia Ltd** (1986) 4 ANZ Insurance Cases 60-745 (policy interpretation/coverage); **Toikan International Insurance Broking Pty Ltd & Anor v Plasteel Windows Australia Pty Ltd & Anor** (1989) 5 ANZ Insurance Cases 60-903 (non-disclosure/novation/coverage); **Provincial Insurance Australia Pty Ltd v Consolidated Wood Products Pty Ltd** (1991) 6 ANZ Insurance Cases 61-035 and 61-066 (Appeal) (policy interpretation/flood); **Barroora Pty Ltd v Provincial Insurance (Australia) Ltd** (1992) 7 ANZ Insurance Cases 61-103 (policy coverage/chargee); **Sun Alliance & Royal Insurance Australia Ltd v Switzerland Insurance Australia Ltd** (1996) 9 ANZ Insurance Cases 61-353 (double insurance/interest); **Australian Consolidated Press Holdings Pty Ltd v Royal Insurance (Global) & Ors** (1997) 9 ANZ Insurance Cases 61-351 (policy construction); **Sun Alliance Australia Limited v Moulds** (1997) NSWCA 96040084 (procedure); **Punin v Deputy Commissioner of Taxation** [2000] FCA 568 (policy coverage); **Seymour v Divome Properties Pty Ltd** (2002) NSWSC 68 (conveyancing/arbitration); **Insurance Ombudsman Service – Referral 203 10 18227** (policy construction/sudden); **Insurance Ombudsman Service – Referral 203 11 18342** (policy construction/tenants); **Insurance Ombudsman Service – Referral 205 02 20675** (consumer credit); **Integral Energy v Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd & Ors** (2005) NSWDDT 25 (workers comp policy construction); **Insurance Ombudsman Service – Referral 23108** (policy construction/joint or composite); **Vanessa Miles v Buckley** District Court NSW, 5 July 2007 (common law duty); **Vukmirica v Betyounan** [2008] NSWCA 16 (professional negligence/solicitor); **AV Jennings Properties Limited v DJ Potter & Associates and DJ Potter** District Court NSW, 27 November 2008 (professional negligence/engineer); **Idik v Calliden Insurance Limited** District Court NSW, 10 August 2012 (non-disclosure).