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After graduating from the University of Queensland in arts and law, Mark practised briefly as a solicitor and as a law lecturer. He was called to the bar in 1984, practised initially at More Chambers in Brisbane, and worked subsequently as a senior legal research officer at the High Court. He moved to Sydney in 1988, practising as a barrister at 14 Wardell, 5 Selborne and 7 Wentworth. He took silk in 2008.

From a generalist background, Mark's practice has come to focus on tax, equity, appeals and public law, including professional regulation. His tax practice is balanced between government and private work, and includes significant advisory, investigative and ADR components. He has particular expertise in international taxation and the taxation of trusts. His doctoral thesis on the international taxation of trust income is to be published by Cambridge University Press. He is also the author of 'The Application of Tax Treaties to Fiscally Transparent Entities' in the Global Tax Treaty Commentaries (IBFD online, 2018).

Mark is the chair of the Council of Law Reporting for New South Wales. His professional and academic writings have been published in journals including the Australian Law Journal, British Tax Review, Australian Tax Forum, Australian Tax Review, New Zealand Journal of Tax Law and Policy, Australian Bar Review and Australian GST Journal. Some of his recent work is available on SSRN (see below). He has also served as a member of the ATO Litigation Panel (1997-99) and a director of the Public Interest Law Clearing House (1996-2000).

Mark is recognised as an expert on the law relating to legal costs, and is the chair of the Costs and Fees Committee of the New South Wales Bar Association. He was a member of the Chief Justice's Review of the Costs Assessment Scheme, which reported in 2013.

Called to the Bar: 1984 (Qld), 1988 (NSW)

Appointed Senior Counsel: 2008 (NSW)

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