

## EDWARD MUSTON SC

### **Admitted to the New South Wales Bar**

17 February 2003

### **Appointed as Senior Counsel**

24 September 2015

### **Areas of Practice**

Edward has a broad practice with a focus on commercial disputes, insurance, reinsurance, corporations law, professional ethics and obligations. He has particular expertise in addressing policy construction and other indemnity issues arising in the context of insurance arrangements and significant experience providing advice concerning the professional obligations of directors & officers of corporations and professionals operating within the financial services industry.

Edward is recognised for his ability to provide advice to solicitors and litigants – whatever their background and experience might be – which is practical, concise and readily able to be understood.

In addition, Edward has substantial experience in public law and the prosecution of environmental offences. He appears regularly for governmental agencies in prosecutions and administrative appeals.

The principal areas in which Edward practices are:

- *Appellate practice*
- *Commercial disputes*
- *Corporations law & insolvency*
- *Crime (environmental offences and contempt)*
- *Insurance law, including reinsurance*
- *Public and administrative law*
- *Professional liability & disciplinary proceedings*
- *Trade practices & consumer law*

Further information regarding cases in which Edward has been involved within any of the above practice areas can be provided on request.

### **Professional Activities**

Since 2005, Edward has been a member of a NSW Bar Association Professional Conduct Committee and has appeared for and advised the NSW Bar Council in relation to disciplinary matters and other issues relevant to the regulation of the profession. He has from time-to-time prepared submissions to the NSW Law Reform Commission on behalf of the NSW Bar Association.

Edward is a member of the NSW Bar Association's Education Committee and Exam Working Party.

Edward sits occasionally on the Sydney Hockey Association Judiciary and Investigations Committee and as a member of the Hockey NSW Appeal Panel.

### **Teaching positions**

Edward is an Honorary Professorial Fellow of the University of Wollongong's School of Law and has periodically delivered guest lectures and an undergraduate subject during that university's summer session.

Edward regularly presents lectures to barristers, lawyers working within government departments, firms of solicitors and other professional bodies as part of their respective professional development programs. These lectures have covered a wide range of topics, including: causation under the *Civil Liability Act*; evidentiary issues arising in the prosecution of environmental offences; the preparation of affidavits and expert evidence; professional indemnity; and the interaction between the *Professional Standards Act* and policies of professional indemnity insurance from time-to-time approved for barristers by the Attorney General.

Edward delivers workshops on professional ethics to candidates sitting the NSW bar examinations and is a member of the panel that moderates the bar examinations. For a number of years, Edward has assessed and provided instruction to participants in advocacy exercises undertaken as part of the NSW bar practice course.

### **Other Languages Spoken**

Italian (although not fluently)