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Mike Hammond

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Mike Hammond, Consultant

Mike consults to the firm's work health and safety practice. He is one of the most senior and experienced workplace safety lawyers in Australia.

Mike has been involved in workplace safety and road safety law in one way or another for more than 35 years. Along the way he has been involved in the 1985 review and reform of Victoria's road safety legislation, Victoria's hugely successful road safety campaigns of the early 90's which saw Victoria's road toll halved and many of the most high profile OHS cases in Australia including, the Sergi Bridge collapse, the Arthur's Seat Chairlift shutdown and the Beaconsfield Gold Mine collapse where he acted for the Mine and its 4 senior managers.

After 15 years in road safety, 12 years with the Victoria Police and 3 with the Transport Accident Commission, he entered private legal practice and developed one of the very first legal teams in Australia dedicated to workplace safety law. Since then and as a Partner at Norton Rose Australia, he has consistently been at the forefront of workplace safety law culminating in a seminal High Court decision which, by implication, drew stern criticism of WorkSafe Victoria.

Mike resigned from the Norton Rose partnership at the beginning of 2013 to move into legal consulting roles with several of Australia's largest manufacturing and construction companies. He has also recently consulted to the WA government on their workplace safety harmonisation law cost/benefit project. Mike has a wealth of practical experience in the nuances and idiosyncrasies of the several government enforcement authorities in Australia. He also guest lectures at Monash University OHS Law intensive course.

Areas of Expertise

- Workplace Health & Safety Law
- Criminal Law
- Dispute Resolution/Commercial Litigation

Recent Experience

Acting for and advising Baiada Poultry throughout a lengthy WorkSafe investigation and prosecution during which important WHS legal concepts were successfully appealed to the High Court of Australia.

Acting for and advising GrainCorp throughout the lengthy WorkSafe investigations and legal proceedings concerning 2 separate fatal accidents neither of which resulted in successful prosecution.

Advising the WA Government on the legal aspects of their cost/benefit analysis of the potential operation of WHS Regulation Harmonisation.

Qualifications

BA 1991, LLB Hons 1994 Latrobe Uni

Admission Details

Victoria 1996

Queensland 2003

High Court of Australia

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