

Curriculum Vitae

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Nationality/Date of Birth: Australian, 7 April 1953

Educational/Professional Memberships

- Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney, 1974
- Bachelor of Laws, first class honours and University medal, University of Sydney, 1980
- Admitted to the Bar in New South Wales, 1981
- Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law
- Honorary Bencher Middle Temple
- Member of the American Law Institute
- Patron of the Australian Insurance Law Association
- Member of the Governing Board of the World Maritime University in Malmo, Sweden 2205-2009
- Member of the Board of the Australian Maritime College as part of the University of Tasmania 2008-2011
- From 1980 to 2015 Mr Allsop taught part-time at Sydney University in Equity, Real Property, Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Public Company Finance, and Admiralty and Maritime Law and from 2015 to 2018 I at the University of Queensland in Admiralty and Maritime Law

Current Position

- Independent arbitrator and mediator;
- International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court.

Professional Experience

- Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia from 1 March 2013 to 6 April 2023;
- President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal from 2 June 2008 to 28 February 2013; and
- Judge of the Federal Court of Australia from 7 May 2001 to 1 June 2008.

As a Barrister from 1981 and as Senior Counsel in New South Wales from 1984 and as Queens Counsel in Western Australia from 1998 Mr Allsop practised in a wide variety of areas primarily in commercial law.

His expertise from his experience as an advocate and Judge covers all areas of commercial law, including company law and business and partnership disputes, taxation, restrictive trade practices (anti-trust), intellectual property including patents, trademarks, copyright and industrial designs, contract and building and construction; with particular specialties in insurance and reinsurance, intellectual property, maritime law and insolvency. Mr Allsop's experience extends to public and constitutional law.

His arbitral experience since April 2023 includes appointments under the ACICA and HKIAC rules, ad hoc arbitration and empanelment with the LCIA, AIAC, SIAC, SCMA and the LMAA as a supporting member.

Publications

Mr Allsop has published numerous essays, journal articles and book chapters on legal topics a copy of a comprehensive list of those publications up to 2022 can be found where his CV appears at Atkin Chambers and Sydney Arbitration Chambers.