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CURRICULUM VITAE

# CURRENT POSITIONS

2014 - Barrister, [WA Bar Association](http://www.wabar.asn.au/barrister/john-southalan/): Advise and represent parties before courts and tribunals (paid and pro‑bono).

2010 - Honorary Lecturer (part time), [Centre for Energy, Petroleum & Mineral Law & Policy](https://www.dundee.ac.uk/cepmlp/): Teach post‑graduate course [*International and Comparative Mineral Law*](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/cepmlp/modules/moduledetails/index.php?id=136639) through online learning.

2001 - Contributing Author (part time), LexisNexis: Provide quarterly updates for publication [*Native Title Service*](http://www.lexisnexis.com.au/en-AU/products/Native-Title-Service.page)in five chapters: Applications, Compensation, Prescribed Bodies Corporate, Native Title Representative Bodies, Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

# RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2020 *Accredited Mediator* (National Mediator Accreditation System)

2010*Master of Business Administration (Mineral Resources Management)*: University of Dundee.

2004 *Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages*: Cambridge University (through International House, Sydney)

1992 *Barrister & Solicitor*: Supreme Court of Western Australia (Practitioner of High Court of Australia, 1993).

1993 *Bachelor of Laws*: University of Western Australia.

Current member: Australian Bar Association; AMPLA; International Bar Association; International Law Association; Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation; and Western Australian Bar Association.

# PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2014 - 2018Various consultancy work including for the *South Australian Department of the Premier and Cabinet,* the *University of Western Australia* and the *International Mining for Development Centre*.

2000 - 2015In House Counsel, previously Legal Officer, [*Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Land Council*](http://ymac.org.au/) (Pilbara & Perth, Australia). Various part-time and full-time. Advised and represented Indigenous groups in their dealings with companies, government agencies, tribunals and courts.

2007 - 2010Rio Tinto Research/ Teaching Fellow,[*Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy*](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/cepmlp/) (Dundee, Scotland). Researched and taught, at post-graduate level, on resources and regulation.

2001 - 2004Senior Policy Officer/ Acting Director, Native Title,[*Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission*](https://www.humanrights.gov.au/) (Sydney, Australia). Advised Commissioner, drafted submissions and letters for the Commission, and represented it in meetings with Parliament, government agencies and others.

1998 - 2000Volunteer lawyer,[*Australian Volunteers International*](http://www.australianvolunteers.com/) (placements in Bangkok, Thailand). One year as Assistant Secretary for the Asia Pacific Human Rights NGOs Facilitating Team, and one year with the Burma Lawyers' Council.

1992 - 1998Senior Associate (1998), Lawyer (1993-1998), [*Corrs Chambers Westgarth*](http://www.corrs.com.au/) (Perth, Australia). Advised and represented companies in commercial disputes and defending government prosecutions; assisted business and governmental clients in non-litigious matters including finance, property and planning.

# VOLUNTEER WORK

Current Volunteer legal trainer (Peace Law Academy, Myanmar); adjunct academic (University of Western Australia, Murdoch University, Curtin University); Member, WA Committee AMPLA; Member, Academic Network for the *OECD Guidelines on Multinational Enterprises*.

1991 - 2019 Various roles and work with Environmental Defender’s Office of Western Australia, Law Council of Australia, Australian Lawyers for Human Rights, Burma Lawyer Council, Climbers Association of Western Australia.