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## ***Appointments and Admissions***

- *2004: Called to the Bar*

## ***Areas of Expertise***

- *Family Law (property, parenting)*
- *Professional Negligence*
- *Medical negligence*
- *Commercial and banking*

## ***Professional Experience***

Sydney Williams was admitted to the Bar in 2004 and soon commanded a wide practice in cases involving equity and trusts, expert valuation issues, and in professional negligence claims. That varied experience laid the groundwork for his expanding Family Law practice.

With similar application to commercial disputes and with particular focus on financial cases involving significant asset pools and complex company, trust, partnership and valuation issues, Mr Williams has successfully developed a large practice in the Family Law jurisdiction, including in disputes between de facto marital couples as well as complex parenting trials.

Having appeared in the High Court of Australia, and the appellate divisions of the Family Court of Australia and various State and Territory Courts, Mr Williams is regularly sought after for interlocutory applications, trials and appeals.

In 2016, Mr Williams was recognised by the Doyle's Guide as one of the preeminent barristers throughout the whole of Australia practising in the family law jurisdiction, please see [Doyle's Leading Australian Family Law Barristers](#).

### **Papers/ Publications**

- *“International Elements in Financial Cases in Family Law”* (with Justice Kent of the Family Court of Australia, and Paul Doolan, partner of Barkus Doolan) Nationally, 2018
- Family Law Intensive (Melbourne; May 2013) *“Ethics in Parenting Cases, interception of telephone communications and certificates pursuant to section 128 of the Evidence Act 1995 (Cth)”*
- Family Law Residential (July 2013) *“Disclosure and Ethics”*
- QLS Symposium (March 2014) – *“Rehabilitation under the Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994”*
- Family Law Conference (Sydney; March 2014) – *“Superannuation Issues”*
- National Family Law Conference (Sydney; October 2014)
- Advanced Family Law Day Qld 2015 (November 2015) – *“Equitable Interests in Trusts”*
- Family Law Residential (July 2016) – with Kearney SC – *“Binding Financial Agreements”*

### **Select cases**

- *Foots v Southern Cross Mine Management Pty Ltd* (2007) 234 CLR 52
- *Schweitzer & Schweitzer* [2012] FamCA 44
- *Auriccho & Auriccho and Ors (No 2)* [2014] FamCA 240
- *Holden & Wolff* (2014) 52 Fam LR 60
- *Jansen & Jansen* (2015) 53 Fam LR 446
- *Elgin & Elgin* (2015) 54 Fam LR 31
- *Bant & Clayton* [2015] FamCAFC 222
- *Pearce & Pearce* [2016] FamCAFC 14
- *Blackwell & Scott* [2017] FamCAFC 77
- *Re Yavuz & Yavuz and Anor* [2017] FamCAFC 74
- *Bondelmonte v Bondelmonte* [2017] HCA 8