

EDWARD COWPE

Professional Qualifications

- 1982 Admitted to Roll of Solicitors in Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2009 Admitted to New South Wales Bar

Degrees

- 1982 B.A.LL.B. (First Class Honours) – Macquarie University
- 1987 LL.M. – Harvard Law School

Professional Experience

- 1982-1990 Baker & McKenzie
- 1990-2009 Corrs Chambers Westgarth (partner)
- 2009 Barrister

Professional Expertise

- **Banking and finance**

I have practised as a banking and finance, property development and commercial transactions lawyer for nearly 30 years and specialise in the following areas:

- Syndicated loan transactions
- Multi-currency/multi-option facilities
- Construction financing
- Property finance and secured lending
- Bill facilities

- Finance and operating leases
- Standard bank documentation
- Design, construct and finance contracts for development of commercial and residential buildings
- Joint venture property development of greenfields sites
- Property trust financings
- Joint venture, shareholder and other project documents.

- **Litigation/advocacy**

Since arriving at the Bar, I have primarily practised in banking and finance matters (including managed investment funds and financial services licence matters), corporate and commercial matters (including misleading and deceptive conduct, corporate oppression, and insolvency issues), construction disputes and professional liability matters.

Publication: Case note: *ANZ v Aldrick Family Co*, (2010) 21 JBFLP 321, which examines the banker's duty of confidentiality and unconscionability defences raised in that case.

- **Professional conduct**

I also specialise in (solicitor) professional conduct matters, including conflicts, ethical issues and other risk management and professional standards matters. I have advised on trust account matters, issues involving the solicitor professional conduct rules, compliance with the Legal Profession Act 2004 (particularly in relation to costs agreements and mandatory costs disclosure issues) and professional conduct complaints. I served on the NSW Law Society Professional Conduct Committee for 2007 and 2008.