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CURRICULUM VITAE FOR ALYSON ASHE LEGAL COSTS CONSULTANT

1. I received a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Sydney (graduating 1974). In 1975 I was admitted as a solicitor.
2. From 1976-1987 I was a Registrar and Taxing Officer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and was appointed during that time to positions including Registrar in Equity, Registrar of the Court of Appeal and Senior Taxing Officer. As Registrar in Equity I conducted the daily Registrar's List case-managing all matters before reference to a judge and exercising all powers of the Court referred to registrars under Schedule E of the Supreme Court Rules 1970. I presided at private and public examinations under ss 249 and 250 of the Companies Act 1961 NSW (prior legislation to the then developing Corporations legislation). I also made uncontested winding up orders and case-managed the Companies List before contested matters were referred to the Companies Judge. I taxed bills of costs throughout my time as a registrar and during my period as Senior Taxing Officer I also allocated taxations and conducted meetings of taxing officers to discuss approaches to various taxing matters. My time as a registrar also involved substantial contact with the judges of the Equity Division (especially the Chief Judge) and the President of the Court of Appeal on administrative matters.
3. My knowledge of practice and procedure in litigation, particularly in the equitable and commercial jurisdictions is manifested in my co-authorship of Nevill and Ashe: Equity Proceedings with Precedents – 1981.
4. I have continued authorship with my current role as Editor: Lexis Nexis Butterworths Looseleaf Costs Service "Legal Costs NSW"; and Editor: Costs Column of Lexis Nexis Civil Newsletter. I have also been associated with the Butterworths (now Lexis Nexis) NSW Court Forms Service.
5. Since 1989 I have specialised in the area of legal costs. I am the principal of Alyson Ashe & Associates, Legal Cost Consultants. I have extensive experience in all aspects of the NSW Costs Assessment Scheme; party party and solicitor client assessments representing both applicants and respondents. Likewise in the Federal Court of Australia and in the High Court. I also have dealt with matters in Victoria, Queensland, the ACT (and Norfolk Island) and in Western Australia.

6. I have also had experience, as an independent expert, in gross sum applications in the Supreme Court of NSW and the Federal Court notably *Seven Network News Limited v News Limited* [2007] FCA 2059, *Ingot Capital Investments and Ors v Macquarie Equity Capital Markets and Ors* [No 6] [2007] NSWSC 124; *University of Western Australia v Gray & Ors* (No 20) [2008] FCA 498 and in the Supreme Court of Western Australia: *The Bell Group Limited (In Liquidation) & Ors v Westpac Banking Corporation & Ors* [No 10] [2009] WASC 107.
7. I have also provided expert opinion in numerous security for costs applications (for example *Shepherds Producers Co-Operative Ltd (In Liquidation) v Lamont* [2009] NSWSC 798).
8. Currently appointed as a Taxing Officer for ITSA (Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia) and I also undertake other institutional/governmental work.
9. Appointed as a Court Referee pursuant to Part 20 rule 14 of the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules NSW (“UCPR”) for enquiry and report to determine the fairness and reasonableness of James Legal’s costs the subject of the Cross Claim in New South Wales Supreme Court Common Law Professional Negligence proceedings *Attard v James Legal Pty Limited* No. 20044 of 2004; *Attard v James Legal Pty Ltd (No.2)* [2010] NSWCA 363. Appointed as a Court Expert in *Russo v Rayhill*: District Court Proceedings 157824/2010 pursuant to Part 31 UCPR.
10. I present lectures on costs to solicitors as part of in-house continuing legal education seminars. These lectures have a special emphasis on practise management issues. I have also presented for LawCover a Risk Management Module “Risk Aware and Profitable Practice”.
11. I am a presenter for the College of Law for CLE Costs Updates and at the NSW State Legal Conference.
12. I hold a current full practising certificate.