



BRIAN MORRIS

PARTNER

PROFILE

Brian is the founding partner of Morris Forensic, a specialist firm established in November 2014 to provide accounting and valuation services, primarily in connection with litigation and dispute resolution.

History

Brian commenced employment with Edwards Marshall in 1971 and was a partner of the firm from 1983 to 2014.

Brian worked primarily on audit and business services engagements from 1971 to 1983. He was the partner responsible for the firm's audit practice from 1983 to 1991. He worked mainly in the forensic accounting practice from and after 1991; however, he continued to be consulted on technical issues in audit engagements and provide management consulting services to one of the firm's major clients.

Brian was Managing Partner and Chairman of Partners of Edwards Marshall at various times.

He was also responsible for the firm's relationship with its international affiliation, Polaris International. Brian served as Vice President, Secretary and a Director of the International Board and as the Chairman of the Asia/Pacific Region of that body. Brian also co-ordinated Practice Inspections for the affiliation in the Asia/Pacific region.

Brian established Morris Forensic in November 2014.

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PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brian has worked in most areas of public accounting. He has worked as a general practitioner involved in the provision of taxation, accounting, audit and business services.

Accounting and consulting assignments included corporate strategy, management reporting, risk management, investment analyses, acquisitions and divestments, computer system analysis and design, succession planning and general accounting advice.

Brian has served on and been retained by the governing bodies of a number of corporations, both private and State owned.

Audit

Brian has worked in, or in connection with, audit throughout most of his career.

He was the partner responsible for Edward Marshall's audit practice from 1983 until 1990. Audit clients have been involved in a broad range of activities including financial services, health insurance, pharmaceuticals, property development, manufacturing, construction, education and retail.

Brian has also been retained by South Australian Government Authorities as the Probity Auditor in connection with significant projects for the development of infrastructure and the outsourcing of services.

Financial Investigations and Valuations

Brian has been involved in a considerable number of projects involving investigations and valuations.

Financial investigations have been undertaken mainly for the purposes of litigation and the provision of expert evidence. These have entailed analyses of specific transactions connected with allegations of breach of fiduciary and other duties, fraudulent activities, corporate failure and solvency.

Valuations have been undertaken for the purposes of acquisition and divestment transactions as well as for forensic purposes connected with commercial litigation and property settlements.

Brian has delivered a number of papers on topics dealing with accounting standards, auditing, business investigations, data processing systems, valuations and forensic accounting.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & AWARDS

Bachelor of Arts (Accountancy),
University of South Australia, 1977

Honours Degree of Law, University of
Adelaide, 2007

Professional Certificate in Arbitration
and Mediation, University of Adelaide,
2002

CPA President's Award for Excellence
for service to CPA Australia and to the
accounting profession nationally and
internationally, 2012

MEMBERSHIPS

Fellow of The Chartered Accountants
Australia and New Zealand

Fellow of CPA Australia

Member of the Australian Institute of
Company Directors

REGISTRATIONS

Registered Company Auditor

Registered Tax Agent

PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Forensic Accounting and Expert Evidence

Brian has provided expert accounting evidence in the Federal Court of Australia, the Family Court of Australia, the Supreme Courts of South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria and the District Courts of South Australia and Western Australia.

Brian has been retained in connection with a considerable number of matters involving litigation. This has ranged from the investigation of financial records and transactions, valuation of businesses and business entities, assessments of loss and damage, audit and accounting negligence and fraud.

Matters in which he has been retained include:

- About Life Pty Ltd v Aaron Kloczko & Ors
- Adelaide Brighton Cement Limited v Concrete Supply Pty Ltd
- Adelaide Brighton Cement Limited v Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd
- Alliance Craton Explorer Pty Ltd v Quasar Resources Pty Ltd
- Ann Street Mezzanine Pty Ltd & Ors v KPMG (re Westpoint Group)
- Aqista Investments Pty Ltd & Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd v Ahrens Group Pty Ltd & Ors
- Australian Motor Finance Limited v Bentleys
- Australian Property Custodian Holdings Limited v Pitcher Partners
- Banksia Securities Ltd (Receivers & Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) v Patrick Godfrey & Ors and Banksia Securities Ltd (Receivers & Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) v Trust Company (Nominees) Limited
- Beach Petroleum NL & Ors v Fuller & Ors
- Bill Express Limited v Pitcher Partners
- Blairgowrie Trading Ltd & Ors v Allco Finance Group Ltd (Receivers & Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) & Ors
- Burrup Fertilisers Pty Ltd (Receivers & Managers Appointed) v Mr P Oswal & Ors
- Cement Australia Pty Ltd v Ahrens Group Pty Ltd
- Charles Hodges v Sandhurst Trustees Ltd
- Clean Seas Tuna Ltd & Anor v Gibsons Ltd
- The Duke Group Ltd (In Liquidation) v Arthur Young and Peat Marwick Hungerfords
- DSHE Holdings Ltd (Receivers and Managers appointed) (In Liquidation) v Nicholas Abboud & Ors

BOARD & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Current

Director of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board

Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Courts Administration Authority of South Australia

Member of the Courts Administration Council of South Australia

Member of the Audit Committee of the Art Gallery of South Australia

Member of the editorial committee of Australian Accounting Review.

Former

Chairman of the National Technical Standards Committee of CPA Australia (until 1992)

Member of the Auditing Standards Board (1991-1995)

Member of the Urgent Issues Group (1995-2001)

One of the two Australian members on the International Accounting Standards Committee (2000)

Member of the Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board (2000-2010)

Member of the Finance Committee of the University of Adelaide, an advisory committee to the Council and Executive of the University (2000-2009)

Director of the South Australian Film Corporation and Chair of its Finance and Audit Committee (2001-2008)




Director of Thoroughbred Racing SA Ltd and Chair of its Finance & Audit Committee (2007- 2011)

PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Forensic Accounting and Expert Evidence (continued)

- Emanuel Management Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) & Ors v Foster's Brewing Group Ltd & Ors
- Environinvest Ltd (Receivers & Managers appointed) (In Liquidation) v Webster & Ors
- Executor Trustee Australia Limited and Ors v KPMG Peat Marwick Hungerfords (re Excel Finance Corporation Ltd (Receivers & Managers Appointed))
- Clarke & Anor v Sandhurst Trustees Ltd (re Wickham Securities Limited)
- Re Great Southern Limited
- Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust Inc v Deloitte Touche Tomatsu & Ors
- Gunns Limited v KPMG
- Halikos Hospitality Pty Ltd & Ors v INPEX operations Australia Pty Ltd
- Harris Scarfe Ltd (Receivers & Managers Appointed) v Ernst & Young and PricewaterhouseCoopers
- HIH Insurance Ltd v Adler & Ors
- IOOF Australia Trustees Ltd v SEAS Sapfor Forests Pty Ltd
- LM Investment Management Ltd (Receivers & Managers Appointed)(In Liquidation) v Ernst & Young and Ors
- Mineralogy Pty Ltd v Sino Iron Pty Ltd & Ors
- Nathans Finance NZ Limited (In Receivership) v Staples Rodway
- NCF Financial Services Ltd v PKF
- Newsat Limited (In Liquidation) (Receivers & Managers Appointed) and Anor v AM Ballantine
- New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants and certain members of PricewaterhouseCoopers (a disciplinary action concerning the audits of Wynyard Group Limited and Vista Group Limited)
- Normans Wines Limited v Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
- Octaviar Administration Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) (formerly MFS Administration Pty Ltd) v KPMG
- Property Ventures Limited & Ors v PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Prosecution of Mr A Bond (in connection with Bond Corporation Ltd)
- Prosecution of Messrs M J Fuller and J P Cummings (in connection with Spargos Mining NL)
- Prosecution of Messrs P Reid, A Kovess & H Abbott (in connection with The Duke Group Ltd)

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Forensic Accounting and Expert Evidence (continued)

- Provident Capital Limited (Receivers & Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) v M O'Sullivan & Ors
- Richard Kirby v Centro Properties Ltd & Anor and Richard Kirby v Centro Retail Ltd & Anor
- Smith & Anor v Sandhurst Trustees Ltd (re GR Finance Limited)
- Solar Shop Australia Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) v Solarise Pty Ltd, Solar Shop Australia Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) v SMA Solar Technology AG and Solar Shop Australia Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) v Messrs Steel & Thornton
- Southern Equities Corporation Ltd (In Liquidation) (formerly Bond Corporation Holdings Ltd) v Arthur Andersen
- Investigation of the audits of the State Bank of South Australia and Beneficial Finance Corporation Ltd
- State of South Australia v Marcus Clark
- Sons of Gwalia Ltd (Subject to DOCA) v Ernst & Young and Ors
- South Australian Water Corporation v United Water International Pty Ltd
- Strategic Finance Limited (In Receivership and Liquidation) v BDO Spicers
- Termite Resources NL (In Liquidation) v Mr N E Meadows & Ors