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Qualifications & Memberships

- Member, CA ANZ
- Bachelor of Commerce, University of New South Wales
- Bachelor of Law, University of New South Wales
- Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance, Securities Institute (now FINSIA)
- Certificate III – Investigative Services
- Certificate IV – Fraud Prevention and Detection
- Registered Liquidator
- Forensic Accounting Specialist, CA ANZ

Board Roles

- Non-Executive Chairman of Foodbank Queensland

Mike specialises in dispute advisory, forensic investigations and business reviews and is a registered liquidator. Having worked as a Chartered Accountant for more than 30 years, Mike has extensive experience in the preparation of expert reports as part of legal proceedings and conducting investigations on behalf of government, financiers and private sector clients.

Mike has undertaken insolvency assignments, performed viability assessments, undertaken governance and business case reviews and financial modelling. He is also a director of an APRA licensed superannuation Acting Trustee.

Mike has worked across a wide range of industry sectors, including financial services, resources, construction, government, education, manufacturing and superannuation.

Mike is also the Chair of Foodbank Queensland, Queensland's largest food rescue organisation that provided 26.5 million meals to those in need in FY22.

Engagement Experience

Dispute advisory

- Acting as independent expert quantifying the loss arising from a dispute in the order of \$100 million between a generic pharmaceutical manufacturer and an international pharmaceutical company as a result of the overturning of a restraining order.
- Acting as consulting expert in relation to a regulatory investigation and subsequent class action brought in relation to alleged breaches of the continuous disclosure regime by an Australian construction group following a \$1 billion profit downgrade.
- Preparation of an expert's report for the purposes of expert determination quantifying the excess labour associated with the upgrade and construction of a Queensland based coal handling plant.
- Acting as consulting expert in relation to a class action brought against the former directors of Kagara Limited, a collapsed miner with copper and zinc operations in Queensland as a result of alleged breaches of the continuous disclosure regime.
- Preparation of an independent expert's report tracing a series of fund transfers from Malaysia to Australia and the use of those funds to acquire properties.
- Preparation of an independent expert's report dealing with the calculation of an annual invoice reconciliation/adjustment process under a Queensland based gas supply agreement.
- Preparation of an independent's expert report quantifying the loss associated with a breach of design in relation to the manufacture and sale of steel privacy fencing.
- Preparation of independent experts reports as part of the Timbercorp and Willmott Forests class actions dealing with their affairs and disclosures prior to insolvency.
- Preparation of an expert's report quantifying the potential value of past and future fires that may arise from defective capacitors contained within evaporative coolers.



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- Acting as an independent expert and the giving of evidence in relation to a minority oppression dispute involving the appropriateness of the borrowing of money to fund the payment of a dividend.
- Preparation of an expert's report quantifying the loss suffered as a result of the delay in the operation of a drilling rig as a result of damaged sustained whilst being transported from Brisbane to a NSW mine site.

Business reviews and insolvency

- Voluntary Administration of a group of companies involved in the wholesaling of after sales motor vehicle accessories.
- Receivership of the Nylex Group with responsibility for the retail business that was responsible for the sale of the Esky branded products.
- Voluntary administration of the ION Group of companies with responsibility for the automotive transmission manufacturing business in Albury.
- Court appointed Liquidator of several companies that were in breach of their AFSL licences, where ASIC was the applicant.
- Court appointed Receiver and Liquidator of PW Kitt Co Pty Ltd and related entities arising out of a significant fraud that involved the misappropriation of superannuation monies and the conversion of these monies into digital currencies.
- Court appointed receiver of the digital assets of a Melbourne based property developer.
- Solvency expert witness engagements involving a WA based construction company, Timbercorp, Willmott Forests, Bruck Textiles, a WICET shareholder, Bill Express, a music streaming entity, and Bell Group of entities.

Investigations

- Appointments by the Queensland Non-State Schools Accreditation Board as an inspector to review a number of Queensland independent schools to determine if they were compliant with the accreditation criteria under the relevant legislation, whether they were financially viable and also whether the governing body was suitable.
- Preparation of a report for AAT proceedings dealing with the risks to the financial viability of an ACT based independent school.
- Investigation into a fraud at a Sydney based fresh food wholesaler, the preparation of a report setting out the findings of the investigation and assisting with the obtaining of freezing orders against the relevant person.
- Leading the investigation into the collapse of mortgage fund providers Banksia Securities and Provident Capital including preparation for and the conduct of public examinations and the initiation of proceedings.
- Investigation into the Australian operations of an international mining company focusing on allegations of inappropriate procurement practices at a mine site.

Superannuation

- Acting Trusteeship of five public offer superannuation funds with assets in excess of \$300 million including the investigation of Australia's largest ever superannuation fraud and the lodgement of a compensation claim with the government.
- Inspectorships appointed by APRA to review the governance and compliance of the several trustees with their instruments of approval and the SIS Act;



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- Acting Trusteeships/investigations of the Commercial Nominees and AS Nominees funds including investigations into the conduct and governance of the trustees.