

GEOFF FARLAND

Barrister

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SUMMARY

As a barrister Geoff has a passion for helping people and solving problems. He moved to the Bar after over 30 years as a solicitor practicing in commercial law, with particular emphasis on commercial property and town planning.

- Admitted to practice as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia in 1981
- Bachelor of Laws (University of Sydney) - 1981
- Called to the Bar - 2014

CAREER HISTORY

2014 to date: Barrister

Barrister at University Chambers practicing in:

- commercial law and equity
- property law
- town planning, land use and environmental law
- development generally.

Geoff has appeared in the High Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the Supreme Court of NSW, the Land & Environment Court of NSW as well as the District Court and the Local Court.

Geoff is Floor Secretary to University Chambers

1996 - 2014: Landerer & Company

Director, practicing in property and town planning law.

Geoff's practise extended to commercial, residential, development, and town planning law matters, including provision of planning advice and conduct of appeals in the Land & Environment Court. He represented major shopping centre owners, semi-government agencies, as well as corporate and institutional investors.

1991 -1996: Webeck Farland Pender

Partner and Co-founder of the successor firm to Simons & Baffsky as a Property, Litigation and General Commercial practice.

Geoff continued the development of the property, town planning, construction, compensation and valuation areas as well as environmental, contamination and mediation advice, within the specialist property area of the firm.

1985 - 1990: Simons & Baffsky

Partner and head of the Property Department from 1987 to 1990 until the formation of Webeck Farland Pender. Geoff had previously been an associate and senior solicitor in Simons & Baffsky.

1980 - 1985: Ferrier & Associates

Geoff was a solicitor with this general commercial firm, having exposure to a wide range of commercial, property and finance matters.

MEMBERSHIPS

NSW Bar Association, including:

- Wellbeing Committee
- Practice Development Committee

Environmental Planning Law Association

OTHER INTERESTS

Family (including two grandchildren), sea kayaking and cycling
Director, Healing Centre Golden Grove (a respite residential facility)
Secretary, Healing Ministry of St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney