

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Dr Jason Harkess

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Present Positions: Barrister, Victorian Bar (since 2003)
Chief Examiner, Victorian Bar Examinations (since 2013)
Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Monash University (since 2007)
Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal (since 2018)

Qualifications: Doctor of Juridical Science, Monash University (conferred 2019)
Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Auckland (conferred 1998)
Bachelor of Arts, University of Auckland (conferred 1998)
Admitted, Supreme Court of Victoria (2002)
Admitted, High Court of New Zealand (1998)

Prior Positions: Solicitor, Arnold Bloch Leibler, Melbourne (2002-2003)
Solicitor, Preston Russell Law, Invercargill (2000-2001)
Solicitor, Russel McVeagh, Auckland (1998-1999)

Board Memberships: Academic Course Appraisal Committee, Victorian Legal
Admissions Board (since 2018)

Biography: Dr Jason Harkess is a barrister practising principally in the areas of criminal and administrative law. He lectures evidence, contracts and administrative law at Monash University. He has held the position of Chief Examiner of the Victorian Bar Entrance Examinations since July 2013 and in that capacity designs and oversees the administration of the test that all Victorian practitioners must pass in order to meet the minimum eligibility requirements to become members of the Victorian Bar.

Dr Harkess is also engaged as Principal Examiner by the Law Institute of Victoria for the Law Institute's Criminal Law Specialist Accreditation examination. He also sits on the Academic Course Appraisal Committee of the Victorian Legal Admissions Board.

In 2018 Dr Harkess was appointed by the Commonwealth Government of Australia as a part-time member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Dr Harkess was awarded his doctorate following the completion of an inquiry into the moral implications arising out of anti-competitive cartel conduct, with particular reference to Australia's criminal cartel laws that were introduced by the *Trade Practices (Cartel Conduct and Other Measures) Act 2009* (Cth).