

## **DAVID STAEHLI SC**

### **Tertiary qualifications**

Bachelor degrees in Arts (1974) and Law (1977) from the University of Sydney.

### **Career before 1988 - in brief**

1977-82 Commonwealth Crown: Legal officer, industrial law; Legal officer/Senior Legal officer, criminal prosecutions.

1982-1987 Senior Research/Administrative/Legal positions: Stewart Royal Commissions into the "Mr Asia" drug trafficking syndicate and the Nugan Hand Bank, Special Prosecutor's Office (into "bottom of the harbour" tax schemes), National Crime Authority.

### **Practice at the Bar - 1988 to date**

Broad area of practice across many jurisdictions but principally in trade practices, common law and criminal law (especially drugs, fraud and corporate crime) and in corruption inquiries.

### **Some reported cases:**

*Trade Practices Commission v Arnotts Limited* (1990) 97 ALR 555

*Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Glendale Chemical Products Pty Limited* (1998) 90 FCR 40

*R v Vo* (2000) 118 A Crim R 320;

*R v Ceissman* (2000) 119 A Crim R 535;

*R v Klein* (2001) 121 A Crim R 90;

*R v de Groot van Embden* (2003) 140 A Crim R 403.

*Western Australia v Pollock* (2009) 195 A Crim R 527

**Some examples of appearance as Counsel assisting in corruption inquiries:**

**Independent Commission Against Corruption:**

*Woodward Park project* (the "Bulldogs" Oasis development) (report February 2003);

*Conduct of the Rail Infrastructure Corporation and others in relation to the possible collapse of Menangle Bridge* (report September 2003);

*Alleged mistreatment of nurses by the Minister for Health* (report April 2005)

**Police Integrity Commission**

*Operation Abelia*, an investigation into illegal drug use by New South Wales police and the means of preventing it (report September 2005);

*Operations Luno and Pegasus*, an investigation into allegations of improper manipulation of alcohol breath testing by police (report December 2008);

*Operation Lantana*, an investigation into allegations of corrupt seizure by police of illegal tobacco and drugs (report October 2009);