

BLACK CHAMBERS

DEREK BUCHANAN

Resumé

Professional Admissions

2022	Called to the New South Wales Bar
2019	Called to the Ontario Bar, Canada
2011	Entered on the Register of Practitioners of the High Court of Australia
2010	Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Education and Qualifications

2019	Conferred Degree of Barrister-at-Law, Law Society of Ontario, Canada
2018	Certificate of Qualification, Federation of Law Societies of Canada
2015	Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law, Law Society of New South Wales
2009	Bachelor of Arts (Distinction) and Laws and Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, University of Wollongong

Work History

Black Chambers

2022-Present	Barrister
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Panels

2024-Present	ODPP Private Briefing Panel
2022-Present	Legal Aid NSW Indictable Panel

Legal Aid NSW

2019-2022	Solicitor Advocate, Criminal Law Division, Dubbo Regional Office
2013-2017	Senior Solicitor, Criminal Law Division, Dubbo Regional Office
2012-2013	Junior Solicitor, Criminal Law Division, Dubbo Regional Office
2010-2012	Graduate Solicitor, Criminal and Family Law Divisions, Sydney Head Office

Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario, Canada

2018-2019 Resolution Officer

Department of Human Services – Centrelink

2009-2010 Advocate, Legal Services and Procurement Branch

Papers and Publications

Buchanan D, “*Avoiding Incompetent Trial Advocacy According to the Authorities*”, July 2026, criminalcpdlibrary.com.au

Buchanan D, “*Tips for Your District Court Sentence Practice – What to Do and What to Avoid*”, March 2021, criminalcpdlibrary.com.au

Buchanan D, “*Table of Authorities – Applications to Exclude Formal Recorded Interviews with Police (ERISPs)*”, January 2021, criminalcpdlibrary.com.au

Broadbent N and Buchanan D, “*Tendency Evidence in 2020*”, November 2020, Sexual Assault Trials Handbook, Judicial Commission of NSW

Buchanan D, “*Table of Authorities – Reasonable Suspicion to Stop and Search Under Sections 21 and 36 LEPR*”, January 2020, criminalcpdlibrary.com.au

Buchanan D, “*Defended Breach of Bond Proceedings*”, June 2015, criminalcpd.net.au

Conference Presentations

Legal Aid NSW Criminal Law Conference, Sydney, July 2026, “*Avoiding Incompetent Trial Advocacy According to the Authorities*”

Orana Law Society CLE Conference, Dubbo, March 2024, “*Avoiding Incompetent Trial Advocacy According to the Authorities*”

Orana Law Society CLE Conference, Dubbo, March 2023, “*Criminal Law Advocacy – Tips and Tricks*”

Reasonable Cause CPD Conference, Sydney, March 2021, “*Tips for Your District Court Sentence Practice – What to Do and What to Avoid*”

Legal Aid NSW Virtual Conference, November 2020, “*Tendency Evidence in 2020*”

ALS Western Zone Conference, Rydall, March 2020, “*Tips for Your District Court Sentence Practice – What to Do and What to Avoid*”

Legal Aid NSW Children’s Legal Service Conference, Sydney, 2015, and Criminal Law Conference, Sydney, 2013, “*Defended Breach of Bond Proceedings*”