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**Tertiary qualifications:**

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University of NSW – Bachelor of Arts  
(Majors: Industrial Relations & Politics) – 1984

Bachelor of Laws – 1984

**Professional qualifications:**

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Admitted as a Solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales in  
February 1986

Admitted as a Barrister in the Supreme Court of New South Wales in  
February 1990

**Professional Experience**

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Employed by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions  
from mid-1986 to February 1990

Practising Barrister – February 1990 to date

**Principal areas of practice:**

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- Work health and safety law
- Criminal Law
- Coronial inquests and inquiries

- Industrial regulation, including regulatory prosecutions in relation to food standards; transport and trading
- Common law/personal injury

### **Areas of Particular Interest:**

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Mark Cahill is a barrister at Maurice Byers Chambers in Sydney.

Mark has extensive experience, both as a prosecutor and as defence counsel, in all aspects of work health and safety law; and, also, in areas of industrial, safety and health regulation relating to food standards, heavy road transport, transport and other industrial operations.

Since the early 1990's Mark has been involved in work health and safety prosecutions across a broad cross-section of industrial activity, including underground mining [both coal and hard metal], open cut mining, heavy and light manufacturing, forestry, agriculture, construction, public health [including hospitals] and public services [including the New South Wales Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, the Department of Education, TAFE NSW and a broad range of other governmental agencies].

Mark appears regularly in work health and safety prosecutions before the District Court of NSW.

Mark also appears in appeals before the New South Wales Court of Criminal Appeal and in related matters before the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal.

Mark has served, also, as a member of the Law Council of Australia's working party on the national harmonisation of work health and safety laws.

In addition, Mark has as a special interest in Inquests and Inquiries.

Mark has appeared in a wide range of Inquests and Inquiries before the Coroner's Court of New South Wales, principally relating to multiple industrial fatalities.

Inquests and Inquiries of particular interest include the Inquiry into the Explosion and Fire at the Kogarah Railway Station, the Inquiry into the Mt Ku ring gai fires, the "Caines' Rutherford" Inquest [involving an industrial explosion and an investigation of the NSW Fire Brigades' role in that incident] and the Inquest into the Lake Cargelligo Water Tower Collapse; Inquests heard jointly which touched upon deaths in the NSW Forestry Industry; the Inquest touching upon the death of Mr Taylor (in which Deputy State Mr Dillon M inquired into the prevalence of decay in shop awnings following Mr Taylor's death as a consequence of a shop awning collapse at Balgowlah, NSW); the Inquest into the Explosion and Fire at the Drayton's Family Winery, Rutherford; the Inquest touching upon the Death of Michael Wilson (a helicopter incident at Bridal Veils Falls in NSW); and the Inquests into the deaths Ms McDonald, Mr Webb and Mr Wilson in the 2015 Dungog Flood.

Mark has appeared also both as Counsel Assisting the Coroner and for Persons of Interest in a number of "general" Inquests, including deaths arising in the course of Police operations; deaths arising out of medical treatment; missing persons inquiries and associated matters.

Also Mark has advised and appeared in a broad range of criminal and quasi-criminal proceedings before the Local Court of New South Wales, the District Court of New South Wales, the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the New South Wales Court of Appeal and the Court of Criminal Appeal, including the provision of advice and appearances in which Mark has been instructed by the Crown Solicitor's Office of New South Wales and other government agencies