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## CURRICULUM VITAE FOR ALYSON ASHE

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1. Alyson Ashe is the principal of Alyson Ashe & Associates, Legal Costs Consultants. A graduate of the University of Sydney she holds a current unrestricted practising certificate as a solicitor.
2. The skills and prior experience she brings to our costs consulting business include work in several law firms and in the NSW Attorney-General's department. For many years she was a Registrar and Taxing Officer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and was appointed during that time to positions including Registrar in Equity, Registrar of the Court of Appeal and Senior Taxing Officer. Those positions combined quasi-judicial work with court administration.
3. Since 1989 Alyson has specialised in the area of legal costs and commenced the business of Alyson Ashe & Associates, Legal Cost Consultants in 1995. Her extensive experience extends to all aspects of the NSW Costs Assessment Scheme on party party and solicitor client assessments representing both applicants and respondents and including multi-million dollar costs claims. Likewise in the Federal Court of Australia and in the High Court. She is a senior practitioner and has personally been involved in the resolution of costs disputes in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, the ACT (and Norfolk Island) and in Western Australia.
4. Alyson Ashe is an independent expert in costs and has appeared or provided evidence in gross sum applications in important large litigation in the Supreme Court of NSW and the Federal Court: notably-  
*Seven Network News Limited v News Limited* [2007] FCA 2059; *Ingot Capital Investments and Ors v Macquarie Equity Capital Markets and Ors* [No 6] [2007] NSWSC 124; *University of Western Australia v Gray & Ors* (No 20) [2008] FCA 498; in the Supreme Court of Western Australia: *The Bell Group Limited (In Liquidation) & Ors v Westpac Banking Corporation & Ors* [No 10] [2009] WASC 107, in the Supreme Court of Victoria *Sunland Waterfront(BVI) Ltd & Anor v Prudentia Investments Pty Ltd & Ors*(No 4) [2013] VSC 669; *Hopkins & Anor v AECOM Australia Pty Limited & Ors*

(the Class Action) NSD 757/2012; *Geneva Laboratories Limited v Prestige Premium Deals Pty Ltd (No 5)* [2017] FCA 63; *Crescent Capital Partners Management Pty Limited v Crescent Funds Management (Aust) Limited* [2019] FCA 108; and *Paciocco v Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd (No 2)* [2017] FCAFC 146; (2017) 253 FCR 403.

5. Alyson has also provided expert opinion in numerous security for costs applications (for example *Shepherds Producers Co-Operative Ltd (In Liquidation) v Lamont* [2009] NSWSC 798 and *Baygol Pty Ltd v Huntsman Chemical Co Australia Pty Ltd t/a RMAX* [2004] FCA 1248) and has provided expert advice and assistance in many other large litigation for example the matter known as the *Rembrandt Notes case* (claims by various Councils against Local Government Financial Services & Ors Federal Court NSD 936 and 1073 of 2009 and NSD 1268 of 2010).
6. Her work as a Court Referee includes an important consideration of the effect of advocates immunity on costs recovery: see adoption of her Report to the Court in *Attard v James Legal Pty Ltd* [2013] NSWSC 1767. Also *Rural Funds Management Limited as Responsible Entity for the Rural Funds Trust and RF Active v Bonitas Research LLC [No 2]* [2019] NSWSC 225.
7. She has also appointed as a Taxing Officer for AFSA (Australian Financial Security Authority formerly the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia). Our clients include various government departments both State and Federal.
8. Her extensive knowledge of practice and procedure in litigation, particularly in the equitable and commercial jurisdictions is manifested in the co-authorship of Nevill and Ashe: *Equity Proceedings with Precedents – 1981*.
9. Alyson has continued authorship including Editor: Lexis Nexis Butterworths Looseleaf Costs Service “Legal Costs NSW”. She has also been Editor: Costs Column of Lexis Nexis Civil Newsletter and the Lexis Nexis NSW Court Forms Service.
10. Ms Ashe also presents lectures on costs to solicitors as part of in-house continuing legal education seminars. These lectures have a special emphasis on practise management issues. She has presented for the NSW State Legal Conference, College of Law for CLE Costs Updates, LawCover, various regional Law Societies including the City of Sydney Law Society and in-house at many law firms and for government lawyers. In February 2015 and 2016 she was a speaker at the LIV National Costs Conference.
11. Ms Ashe was a member of the Law Society of New South Wales Costs Committee 2012 to 2017 and the Costs Users Group convened by the Supreme Court of NSW.