

## **Curriculum Vitae of Peter George Skinner**

I am a Director of PGS Superannuation Consulting Pty Ltd.

I provide strategic advice on superannuation issues for family law purposes. I quantify the amount of superannuation referable to the marriage period.

I value superannuation interests for family law purposes. I have valued all Commonwealth superannuation schemes and most State government schemes. I have valued most defined benefit superannuation schemes from the private sector including Commonwealth Bank, Telstra, Coles Myer, Holden, Ford and UniSuper. I have valued defined benefit schemes from semi government organisations including Aussie Post and local government councils.

I have appeared in Court and given evidence on many occasions. I am regularly appointed as a single expert witness

As a Director of PGS Superannuation Consulting Pty Ltd, from October 2003 to February 2004, I provided consultancy services to ComSuper, the Commonwealth organisation administering superannuation schemes for federal public servants and the military.

From 1992 to 2003, I was the Deputy Commissioner of Superannuation and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of ComSuper. My executive position in that organisation gave me a wide exposure to all issues concerning superannuation policy and its implementation. Running ComSuper as a business was part of my responsibilities. In 1996, I was awarded a Senior Executive fellowship that directly led to an international forum for comparison of superannuation administrators.

Prior to joining ComSuper, I spent 14 years in Defence with 8 of those years in Executive positions including responsibility for Defence budgets and superannuation. I spent 2 years in London in the UK Ministry of Defence. My last years in Defence were as Secretary to the (Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Scheme) DFRDB Review that resulted in the establishment of the Military Superannuation Scheme.

Prior to Defence, I worked as a Senior Cost Investigator for 6 years in Sydney.

I have been a trustee of Military Super, a trustee of Army Health Benefits Association and a member and acting Chair of the DFRDB Authority.

My prior experience has given me an in depth understanding of all aspects of the family law valuation methodology and Commonwealth defined benefit schemes, namely DFRDB, Public Sector Scheme, Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme and Military Super.

## Qualifications

Bachelor of Economics (University of Tasmania 1973)

Master of Commerce (University of NSW 1976)

Qualified on 22 May 2003 under ASIC PS 146 for Authorised Representatives in financial planning, superannuation and managed investments.

## Membership

- Member of the Australian Society of Certified Public Accountants since 1976 with Fellow status
- Elected member of the NSW Divisional Executive of Association of Superannuation Funds of Australia (ASFA) from 1994 to 2003 and honorary Treasurer from 1998 to 2003
- Member of the ACT Chapter of ASFA from 1994 to 2003
- Member of the Super EC Council from 2000 to 2003
- Member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia
- Committee member of the Superannuated Commonwealth Officers Association from 2004 to 2008
- Member of the Family Law Practitioners' Association of Queensland

## Publications

Publications include:

- *Separate Interests for Commonwealth Schemes*. The Australian Family Lawyer, Vol 18 No 1 2005
- *The Role Of Super in the Property Pool*. NSW Law Society Journal December 2005
- *Superannuation and Family Law – the Forgotten Reforms*. The Australian Family Lawyer, Vol 18 No 4 Autumn 2006

## Newsletters

I publish newsletters up to 3 times per year on contemporary superannuation, family law and taxation issues. The newsletters are available [here](#).

## Lectures Given on Family Law and Superannuation

- Townsville Family Law Practitioners Association Sept 2004
- Townsville Family Law Practitioners Association Nov 2005
- Ipswich Family Law Practitioners Association Dec 2005
- Snow Talk Thredbo July 2005
- Sydney Law Firm, Oct 2005
- 10 Canberra Law Firms from July 2004 to June 2006
- 2006 North Queensland Law Association Conference in Townsville, June 2006
- 10 Canberra and Sydney Law Firms from July 2004 to 2009

- South Australian Family Law Practitioners – Feb 2008
- 12 Newcastle Family Law Firms - March 2009
- North Queensland Law Conference – May 2009
- Tasmanian Family Law Conference – July 2009
- Legalwise Seminar – Practicalities of Family Law Property Matters – Sep 2010
- Sunshine Coast Family Law Practitioners – Feb 2011
- 3 Brisbane Family Law Firms - 2011

### **Miscellaneous**

- Honorary superannuation advisor to the QLD Women's Legal Services
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