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In what year did you become a registered liquidator?

I became a registered liquidator in 2009.

Briefly summarise your work history.

I am a Senior Managing Director in FTI Consulting's Corporate Finance & Restructuring practice with more than 28 years of experience leveraging expertise in all aspects of corporate and personal appointments including receiverships, voluntary administrations, liquidations, deed of company arrangements, Part X agreements and bankruptcies.

As a liquidator and bankruptcy trustee, I have worked on appointments across a broad range of industries including fresh food distribution, mining and mining services, property development, engineering services, labour hire, retail and entertainment.

I've worked on a number of high-profile, complex appointments including HS Fresh Food Group, Evolution Traffic Management,

All Trades Queensland Pty Ltd, Privium Pty Ltd, FSG Australia and Rubicor Group Limited (ASX listed).

What industries do you have experience in?

- Construction
- Mining and Mining Services
- Real Estate
- Retail and Consumer Products

Which external administration/receivership has been a career highlight for you, and why?

I have worked on many insolvency matters during the course of my career. The Evolution Traffic Management Pty Ltd ("ETM") matter particularly stands out to me, as not only was it a difficult trade-on during the COVID pandemic, it was also extremely rewarding, in that we were ultimately able to save over 700 jobs and provide a greater return to unsecured creditors than we originally estimated.

ETM was one of Australia's largest traffic control companies and in 2022, I, along with John Park and Kelly Trenfield was appointed as Voluntary Administrator, and subsequently Deed Administrator, in 2022. My role was to project manage this large and complex matter, which included extending the convening period, ensuring the 700+ employees were kept regularly informed during the VA period, working with government clients to ensure continuation of ongoing work and fixing their problematic systems.

We were able to successfully navigate ETM through a DOCA, ensuring over 700 employees remained employed.

What is your advice for aspiring registered liquidators?

My best advice for aspiring registered liquidators is to develop a strong work ethic and commitment to your team. Growing up, I was inspired by watching my parents work tirelessly to build their business. They never complained about long hours, yet always made time to be with our family on weekends. Their dedication taught me the importance of being loyal to those you work with and ensuring that tasks are completed thoroughly, no matter the challenges. It's this balance of hard work and team support that has shaped my approach to this profession.

What are your other interests?

Now that my two children have finished school, I find having my weekends free quite liberating. Currently, our Saturday mornings are spent taking our two Kelpie dogs out of the city to a farm to learn to herd sheep, a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

TMA Voluntary Code for Equitable Insolvency & Restructuring Appointments (EIRA)

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