

Curriculum Vitae for Suzanne Delbridge

Experience and Expertise

Suzanne is a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, an experienced forensic accountant and Director of Delbridge Forensic Accounting.

Over the past 28 years Suzanne has been providing expert accounting reports for, or in anticipation of, litigation, other dispute resolution forums and for commercial purposes. Over this period Suzanne has given evidence as an expert witness in the Family Courts of Australia and Western Australia, the Federal Circuit Court and the Supreme and District Courts of New South Wales. Suzanne has played an integral role at all stages of proceedings from case formulation to implementation of final orders.

Suzanne has provided expert reports and given expert evidence in a wide range of matters including:

- Valuation of businesses and equity interests for the purpose of Family Law and commercial proceedings and business sale transactions. Subject businesses have ranged from small owner operated businesses to very large scale complex organisations. Enterprises recently valued have included complex manufacturing operations, large scale retail and wholesale businesses, engineering and other support services to the mining sector, real estate and strata managers, construction and allied services, entertainer royalty streams, child care centres, cafes and restaurants, agriculture and related services, pharmacies, professional practices (medical, dental, radiology, legal, veterinary, architecture, surveying, insurance and loan broking, financial planning and accounting). The businesses valued have been located in Australia and overseas, including the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and Asia.
- Valuation of interests in public sector and self managed superannuation funds for the purpose of Family Law proceedings including valuations under the Family Law (Superannuation) Regulations.
- Valuation of employee share options and share plans in both listed and private entities located in Australia and overseas.
- Valuation of interests or quantification of claims arising out of minority oppression disputes, partnership disputes, sale of business disputes, Family Provision Act claims and other commercial proceedings.
- Quantification of economic loss/damages arising from a wide variety of disputes including breach of contract, professional and medical negligence, construction disputes and personal injury.

Experience and Expertise (continued)

- Advice in relation to the taxation consequences of proposed settlements or orders of the Court.
- Interpretation of the financial aspects of legal agreements.

Professional Background

Delbridge Forensic Accounting was previously known as 'Forsythes Forensic Accounting' and was established by Suzanne when she joined Forsythes as a Partner in November 2000. Prior to joining Forsythes, Suzanne worked with PricewaterhouseCoopers in their Sydney and Newcastle offices for 16 years.

Before specialising in Forensic Accounting, Suzanne was responsible for a range of assignments including audit, due diligence and accounting work for complex groups.

Technical Papers and Support

The **Family Law Value Handbook**, written by Suzanne and her team, has received wide acclaim by experienced Family Law practitioners as both an innovative and practical resource.

Suzanne is a regular writer and presenter of valuation and taxation papers and workshops and has previously presented for Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, the Hunter Valley, West Australian and Queensland Family Law Practitioners Associations, the Law Institute of Victoria, Legalwise, Television Education Network and Learned Friends.

Professional and Academic Qualifications and Memberships

- Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CAANZ)
- Bachelor of Commerce Accounting (with Merit) - University of New South Wales
- Member of the Family Law Section of the Law Council of Australia
- Member of the Hunter Valley Family Law Practitioners Association
- Associate Member of the Law Society of NSW and Law Institute of Victoria

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