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Scott Keft is accredited by the Queensland Law Society as a Personal Injury Specialist. Scott heads the MacDonnells Law Plaintiff Personal Injury team, which includes three Queensland Law Society Personal Injury Specialists. Scott has conducted a wide range of personal injuries actions in both the District and Supreme Courts.

The size of the team Scott heads allows large complex cases to be thoroughly considered to maximise the benefit to the injured individual. The size of MacDonnells allows complex and large cases to be adequately staffed and resourced.

Scott understands the effects of serious disability being a Board Member of the Cootharinga Society, which assists the severely disabled in society.

Areas of Practice

- Personal Injuries litigation under the *Personal Injuries Proceedings Act*
- Personal Injuries litigation under the *Motor Vehicle Insurance Act 1994* in the Supreme and District Courts
- Total and permanent and disability claims under income protection policies of insurance
- Professional Negligence

Experience

Scott has over ten years experience as a specialist insurance lawyer and has conducted claims under the Motor Accident Insurance Act for clients whose injuries have included spinal injuries, brain injuries, paraplegics, severe limb injury and eye injuries. He also has conducted claims governed by the Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act, the Personal Injuries Proceedings Act and the Civil Liability Act.

Recent achievements include:

- Conducting a claim for a person crushed by a bus involving multi-level spinal injury, internal injury and psychological injury. Resolved at mediation.
- Conducting a WorkCover claim as Defendant involving complete loss of vision in one eye. Resolved as a compulsory conference without Counsel.
- Conducting a WorkCover claim as Defendant involving serious leg injury. resolved at a compulsory conference for nil clear of the WorkCover refund with the Third Party paying all other damages.

- Conducting a WorkCover claim as Defendant where the Claimant has made a claim arising out of a truck accident against his employer, the party servicing the truck, the CTP insurer of the truck, the Department of Main Roads and the contractor performing work on the road. Matter currently proceeding to mediation.

Qualifications & Memberships

- Accredited by Queensland Law Society as a Personal Injury Specialist, 2002
- Admitted as a Solicitor of the High Court of Australia, 2001
- Admitted to as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, 1995
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Queensland, 1993
- Bachelor of Economics, University of Queensland, 1990
- Member of the Queensland Law Society
- Member of the Australian Plaintiff Lawyers Association
- Board Member of the Cootharinga Society for disabled children
- Board Member of the Addiction Help Agency
- Board Member of the Trinity Stingers Hockey Club