



## Curriculum vitae – Greg Griffin

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Greg Griffin founded Griffins Lawyers in Adelaide in 1996.

### Qualifications

Greg Griffin is the Principal at Griffins Lawyers.

Greg was admitted to practice in January 1981.

### Professional Experience

- Prior to establishing Griffins Lawyers in Adelaide, Greg was a Partner at Phillips Fox, Adelaide (now DLA Piper) from 1989 to 1996.
- Greg provides comprehensive advice in a broad range of areas, including Commercial/Property Advice, Defamation, Sports and Entertainment, Licensing and Corporate Insolvency.
- In addition, Greg is the Public Officer of the Australian Cricketer's Association, a life member and former Board member of the North Adelaide Football Club, the former Secretary General of Taekwondo Australia, a former Board Member of the Adelaide Produce Markets, advises many charitable boards, was Chairman of the McGuinness McDermott Foundation, has been on the Executive of the Law Society of South Australia and has sat on the Board of Integrated Waste Services, Broadwater Hospitality and other industry bodies. Greg was the majority owner of the Adelaide United Football Club and the Chairman of that Club until he sold his interests in March 2018. He was also the founding Chairman of the Australian Professional Football Clubs Association which represents all professional soccer clubs in Australia.

### Major Cases

Greg has been involved in numerous significant matters including:

- Acting for Austrust in the leading Australian High Court authority on concurrent contractual liability of *Astley and Ors vs. Austrust* (1996).
- Obtaining the injunction preventing the entry of Port Adelaide Football Club into the AFL competition in 1989 on the basis of a breach of fiduciary duty of a direction to the other Clubs.
- Acting for WorkCover Corporation to establish levies paid to it were a tax and therefore a priority payment under Australian Insolvency Law.

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- Acted for the Stamford Hotel Group in the removal of the Ritz Carlton Hotel Group from two of its hotels in Sydney leading up to the 2000 Sydney Olympics.
- Acted in *Morton v WorkCover* which established that professional football players were employees pursuant to the WorkCover Act, therefore being entitled to WorkCover payments if injured.
- Acting for Shaun Rehn in the landmark damages case against the AFL as to the duty of care the AFL owed to players to maintain a safe playing surface.
- Numerous defamation actions brought by high profile sports people, media personalities and identities.
- Acted for Veolia and IWS in the successful High Court of Australia challenge to the sale by the South Australian Government of a large Industrial Estate to a competitor resulting in the contract being handed to Veolia.
- Acted in numerous due diligence processes.
- Appeared in CAS Tribunal hearings representing Australian Football Clubs challenging decisions of FFA and AFC and Olympic athletes on selection disputes.
- Representing leading female indigenous Australian athlete on an ASADA/WADA drug testing process and sanction.
- Representing APFCA in dispute over attempt by an Agent to bypass A-League Clubs over training compensation payments by use of bogus contracts with third parties.

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### Publications

Lead Presenter at Legalwise Seminars at the Hilton Hotel on 5 April 2006 on the topic of *Contracts for the Sale and Purchase of Licensed Premises*. This paper directly addresses the obligations of a solicitor in preparing contracts for the sale of hotels many of which have a value of between \$15 million – \$20 million and what is required of the solicitor in that regard.

Law Society of South Australia entitled *Developments in Sports Law* in 2005 and *Sports Law - Salary Caps* in 2007.

Key Note Speaker at a conference of GE Property South Pacific Asia convened in November 2005 at which Greg spoke on the topic of *Agreements to Agree*.

Law Society of South Australia paper entitled *Drugs in Sport* in 2003.

Law Society Bulletin entitled *Days of Swine & Roses* published in or about 1990. That was an article of the contractual pitfalls that faced young players going into the AFL system. It has been widely referred to in subsequent papers by sports law experts on the law of contract.

Speaker at the inaugural Australian New Zealand Sports Law Association International Conference. Greg spoke on the attempted entry of Port Adelaide into the AFL. That is also a published paper.

### Personal Details

Greg is married to Sandra and has three teenage children. Greg is a certified FFSA coach and has coached many junior football teams.

### Specialist Areas

Liquor Licensing, Commercial/Property Advice, Corporate Law, Commercial Litigation and Sports Law.

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