

Mark Blumer

By Amy Burr



Mark – who is currently the President of the ACT branch of the Australian Lawyers Alliance – is a third generation lawyer. He is a partner, along with his wife, Noor, at Blumers Personal Injury Lawyers. He was previously a partner at Cater & Blumer in Griffith, NSW.

His background is in the dirty (!) world of commercial and property law with a special interest in water law, but in more recent years he has taken up the flag for the rights of injured people with great vigour and enthusiasm. He has worked hard for the Alliance in promoting the principles to which all our members subscribe.

Mark completed the Solicitors Admissions Board course and was admitted in NSW in 1988. He recently obtained his Masters in Law and Management through AGSM from UNSW in 2004. The subject of his thesis was an analysis of the judgments of Justice Terence Connolly from the time he spent as Master of the ACT Supreme Court, when presiding over the bulk of personal injury claims in the Australian Capital Territory.

After obtaining his Masters, Mark did ask his staff to address him as 'Master', but for some reason it hasn't taken off! He has settled for being called 'Mark'.

Mark is a very generous and good-humoured employer. He has a strong sense of right and wrong. His major causes of complaint with the world, not necessarily in this order, are:

- single expert evidence;
 - the increasing efforts of governments to exclude lawyers from the claims process, thereby making the system more complicated and actually increasing their involvement;
 - NSW advertising restrictions;
 - NSW strangulation of the rights of injured workers;
 - doctors banding together to protect each other from medical negligence claims; and
 - the constant injuries currently dogging the Brumbies.
- Mark is completely unconcerned about the way cyclists behave on the roads of Canberra.

Mark is currently Chair of the ACT Law Society CLE Committee and a member of the ALP. You will very often find him cheering loudly at Brumbies matches (or yelling at the ref), and has even had a stint in the Brumbies Choir (this is best forgotten). He also has a background in theatre and film, having studied film and television before becoming a lawyer.

Mark is presently involved in organising the inaugural ACT Australian Lawyers Alliance conference in Canberra this June, which you should all consider attending. Please bring the family and spend time in our beautiful city.

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