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EDUCATION/AFFILIATION:

2023	Urban Land Institute / Institutional Real Estate Management CRE Finance Council / Cornell Real Estate Council Member	USA
2005-2007	Cornell University Master of Professional Studies in Real Estate ◦ Pension Real Estate Association (PREA) Scholarship ◦ Executive Editor Cornell Real Estate Review	New York, USA
2005	Australian Institute of Company Directors Company Directors Course	Sydney, Australia
1999-2002	Securities Institute of Australia Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment	
1991-1994	University of Sydney Bachelor of Agricultural Economics (Hons)	

EXPERIENCE:

2023 - Current	Cornell University Professor of Practice – Real Estate Finance and Investment	New York, USA
2015- 2026	Victoria Asset Management Chairperson / CEO / Advisor Victoria Asset Management is a global real estate asset management business, focused on the underwriting and management of investments across the capital structure in all commercial real estate asset classes, ranging from non-performing loan investments, direct assets and preferred equity interests, corporate restructures and structured finance opportunities. <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Integrated business unit of Oaktree Capital Management◦ Regional offices in Europe (London, Madrid & Berlin) and Asia (Hong Kong, Beijing & Mumbai)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ €5.1 billion AUM (€10+ bn managed since inception)◦ 55 staff / £18m turnover◦ Director Castello SGR - Italian real estate asset and fund management company<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ €2.4 billion AUM (400 + assets)◦ 50 Fund / 150 investors	London, UK
2020- 2023	Director – Conservators of Ashdown Forest Independent body responsible for the conservation and management of Ashdown Forest for the past 135 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Chair of Finance and Regulatory Committee◦ Trustee – The Ashdown Forest Foundation	

2007- 2015	Citi Property Investors / Apollo Global Real Estate / Laphithus European Head of Asset Management	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Oversight and management of the AGRE & EPF opportunistic and core plus Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ €5 billion AUM ◦ Direct real estate, public markets, corporate restructure and debt investments ◦ Pan European and market specific Fund structures ◦ Operations Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive Management Committee - Leadership of corporate acquisitions, joint ventures and service provider relationships - Staff and recruitment management 	
2006	Macquarie Real Estate Inc. Product Development	Chicago, USA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Evaluation and implementation of real estate products and initiatives in the USA and Europe ◦ Underwriting of cornerstone investments and Public Private Partnerships 	
2003-2005	Wheat Export Authority Manager	Australia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Oversight of AWB (International) Ltd's performance in managing the wheat export monopoly from Australia; reporting to the Federal Minister for Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries 	
2000-2019	De Mestre Nominees Pty Ltd Director	Australia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Evaluation, investment and management of residential and commercial property ◦ Rural / residential property development project in New South Wales 	
1996-2000	GrainCorp Operations Ltd / Cargill International Business Manager / Commodity Trading	Australia / Canada
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Establishment of Joint Ventures and construction of strategic logistic and export facilities ◦ Diversification of export programs on the Australian eastern seaboard ◦ Regional Commodities Trading Manager 	
1994-1996	Meyers Strategy Group ◦ Management & Policy Consultancy –International Trade and Commodities	Australia