



## **Curriculum Vitae**

- Michael Tehan's career as a senior partner of Minter Ellison, from which he retired at the end of 2014, together with his background as a senior public servant and a union official, gave him opportunities to work with a wide range of clients in some of their most complex problems.
- As a practising litigator, he ran cases in all State and Federal Courts, including a number of cases in the High Court. More than 100 decisions in matters in which he was involved are reported. His practice was predominantly in areas such as employment, industrial, administrative, government, discrimination and education law. As with many lawyers, most of his work was in policy, strategy, dispute avoidance, and resolution of issues without lengthy proceedings. He was consistently listed as one of Australia's leading lawyers in his field in Best Lawyers, Doyle's Guide and Chambers.
- Within his law firm, he held various management roles over the years including leadership of his practice group of four partners and 20 other lawyers, and client relationship partner for several of the firm's largest clients, including the Victorian Government and Australia Post.
- During his career, he has been actively involved in a number of boards and committees outside the law. Currently he serves as a Director of REST Super, one of Australia's largest industry super funds, with more than \$45 billion in member accounts. For seven years, he has been a Director of Villa Maria Catholic Homes Limited, a large provider of disability services, retirement living, aged care, and education. He chairs the Quality and Compliance Committee. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Department of Management and Marketing at The University of Melbourne. In the past, he has held various roles on school councils, residents' groups and the Advisory Board of the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law at The University of Melbourne.
- Since joining McFarlane Legal Dispute Resolution, Michael has built a career as a mediator, bringing to parties in mediation his extensive experience as a solicitor appearing in numerous mediations together with his knowledge of litigation and managing and assisting people in conflict in a wide range of areas.
- **Qualifications**
  - Bachelor of Arts (Melbourne, 1976) and Bachelor of Laws (Melbourne, 1986)
  - Company Directors Diploma (AICD, 2011)
  - Fellow, Institute of Public Administration Australia (2005)
  - Nationally Accredited Mediator with NMAS (2015)
- **Employment**
  - December 2015 – McFarlane Legal Dispute Resolution
  - July 1993 – December 2014: Partner, Minter Ellison, practising in employment, industrial and administrative law and leading the 25-lawyer group in this area in Melbourne
  - March 1987 – June 1993: Senior Associate and Lawyer, Minter Ellison
  - January 1984 – March 1987: Senior Executive Officer (Research), Office of the Industrial Registrar
  - January 1983 – January 1984: Executive Officer, Department of Defence

- November 1972 – December 1982: Assistant Branch Secretary, National Executive Member and various other roles in the Administrative and Clerical Officers' Association, a large public sector trade union

➤ **Positions held**

- Director, REST Super, 2017 – current
- Director, Villa Maria Catholic Homes Ltd, (or predecessor) 2010 – current
- Member, Advisory Board, Department of Management and Marketing, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Melbourne, 2017 - current
- Member, Advisory Board, Centre for Workplace Leadership, Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Melbourne, 2012 – 2017
- Member, Advisory Board, Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law, Faculty of Law, The University of Melbourne, 2008 – 2014
- Various roles within Minter Ellison including Practice Group Head, Chair of its Business Development Board, member of graduate selection committee, and Client Relationship Partner for key large clients including the Victorian Government generally and several specific departments and agencies, and Australia Post
- Various roles within trade union movement, including Secretary Victorian Division, Council of Australian Government Employment Organisations and member Trade Union Training Authority (Victoria)