

Alison Prestwidge

Senior Forensic Accountant, **Forensic Accounting Division**



Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce

Chartered Accountant

Background

Alison has 20 years' experience in Chartered Accounting and Commerce working in both accounting firms and for small business.

Alison commenced her career in 1997 with another large Newcastle accounting firm as a member of the Audit Division.

In this position, she conducted audits for small to medium sized private and public companies. She then moved into Commerce, where she held a role as the financial controller of a large regional real estate office. She joined Cutcher & Neale in July 2002 as an Audit Manager and joined the Forensic Accounting division in 2005.

Expertise

Since specialising in the area of Forensic Accounting over 10 years ago, Alison has enjoyed being able to apply her attention to detail to analysing complex information and to providing simple and structured reports.

Alison's experience as an accountant for a company as well as an auditor allows her to develop an understanding of the issues and requirements that need to be addressed by those preparing financial reports. These practical skills allow Alison to better relate to clients and has equipped her with the ability to ask for the right information and then analyse, interpret and report on this information in an easy to understand way.

Alison has assisted in the preparation of reports setting out damage quantification in respect to personal injury and commercial loss, valuations for Family Law and other dispute resolution forums.

Alison has assisted in the preparation of preliminary and concluded opinion reports in the following types of matters:

- Economic loss claims including loss of profits, both past and future (goodwill)
- Personal economic loss claims including loss of business income and loss of superannuation entitlements
- Loss of economic contribution and dependency for matters involving compensation to relatives
- Valuation of various financial interests including shares, businesses, companies, trusts, partnerships and employee share scheme entitlements

Alison has also presented to Personal Injury Lawyers on how best to use a Forensic Accountant in Personal Injury matters and tips on how to approach economic loss before engaging a Forensic Accountant.



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