

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

I qualified as an Optometrist in Australia and have practised in the United Kingdom for more than twenty-five years. Since joining Barnard Levit Optometrists in 2021, a practice with a longstanding reputation for medico-legal work, I have worked closely with two highly experienced medico-legal expert witnesses, assisting in all aspects of case preparation, analysis, and report writing.

This role provided extensive training in the preparation of expert reports, including ensuring reports reached a standard suitable for academic publication. Following this experience, I now undertake medico-legal instructions independently.

My principal areas of medico-legal expertise include alleged breaches of duty in optometric practice, particularly those involving the diagnosis and management of ocular pathology, refractive surgery, and general optometric care. I also provide expert opinion on issues relating to causation, prognosis, standard of care, and optometric condition.

In addition, I have specialist expertise in binocular vision, contact lens practice, dry eye disease, independent prescribing, and refractive surgery. Within a relatively short period, I have developed a substantial medico-legal caseload and established a particular reputation in cases involving refractive surgery and binocular vision.

AREAS OF CLINICAL AND MEDICO-LEGAL EXPERTISE

- Optometric negligence and breach of duty
- Ocular pathology
- Refractive surgery (LASIK, SMILE and presbyopia procedures)
- Binocular vision disorders
- Contact lens practice
- Dry eye disease
- Independent prescribing
- Causation and prognosis analysis
- Standard of care assessments
- Clinical record review and expert report preparation

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2021

Diploma in Therapeutics (Independent Prescribing), College of Optometrists, United Kingdom

2020

Postgraduate Certificate in Principles of Pharmacology and Prescribing, Ulster University

2020

Postgraduate Certificate in the Theory of Independent Prescribing for Optometrists, Ulster University

2020

Refractive Surgery Course (LASIK, SMILE and Presbyopia Treatments), London Vision Clinic

Accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME)

1999–2004

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Visual Neuroscience, City University London

Pre-2000

Member, College of Optometrists (MCOptom), United Kingdom

Registered Optometrist, General Optical Council, United Kingdom

Bachelor of Optometry (BOptom), University of Melbourne, Australia

Bachelor of Science (BSc), Double Major in Chemistry and Mathematics, University of Melbourne, Australia

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2022–Present

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Optometry, Hadassah Academic College, Jerusalem

2021–Present

Senior Optometrist, Barnard Levit Optometrists

2019–Present

Research Associate, London Vision Clinic

2018–Present

Private Consultant, Research and Analysis Services for Major Optical Companies

2017–Present

Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Optometry, London

2018–2020
Part-Time Optometrist, Ashwell & Barrie Optometrists

2007–2016
Optometrist in Private Practice, Mayfair, London

2007–Present
Professional Jazz Trumpeter

2005–2007
Full-Time Family Carer and Locum Optometrist

2000–2005
Lecturer and Tutor, City University London

2000–2005
Part-Time Optometrist, Brown & White Optometrists, Hampshire

EARLIER CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Optometrist in a variety of settings including:

- Institute for the Blind, Western Australia
- Specialist contact lens clinics
- Paediatric optometry practices in Australia and the United Kingdom
- Domiciliary optometry services
- Charity and community eye-care programmes

REFERENCES

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