

LAWYER

Stratos finished year 12 at St. Bede's in 1995, and attended Monash University to study a double-degree in Arts/Law. Initially Psychology and English Literature were his focus, but that shifted to Law in the latter years of university (when he finally worked out what he wanted to do with his life!). By final year of university Stratos was volunteering at a community Legal Service and Sexual Assault Centre, and on the strength of that volunteer work landed his first job while still at Uni - with Legal Aid.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (Psych), Stratos commenced his role with Legal Aid, which included lecturing, providing legal advice to unrepresented victims at Dandenong Magistrates Court, and running community programs. In 2005 he moved to a private law firm in Melbourne, where he gained expertise in insurance litigation. After several years there he moved on to working 'in-house' at Australia's largest insurer, CGU. His role there included training and managing specialist staff, coordinating their dispute resolution program, and instructing CGU's panel of legal firm providers in the defence of their litigated matters. In 2012 Stratos delved back into the world of private legal practice, defending some of Australia's largest companies from litigation under the WorkCover scheme, including proceedings in the Magistrates, County, and Supreme Courts. In 2015 Stratos moved to Wesfarmers as their Senior Legal Advisor, a role that includes providing legal advice to the various Wesfarmers Brands regarding their insurance exposure; guidance to claims staff; managing Wesfarmers' legal spend; managing and instructing Wesfarmers' panel of law firms in their defence of litigation against Wesfarmers; and reporting on legal spend and the legal portfolio to Wesfarmers' management and board.

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