Episode 88: Guest bios

Episode name: *Vae Victis? Rethinking the Value of Absolute Victory in the Practice of Law*
Guest(s): Steven Mark

STEVEN MARK AM	Teaching Fellow, University of New South Wales

Steve Mark is a lawyer by profession, having initially studied in America, the country of his birth, and subsequently in Australia. He practised law with a private firm for five years, specialising in criminal law before travelling to England where for three years he practised in criminal, immigration and human rights law.

He was President of the New South Wales Anti-Discrimination Board from 1988 to 1994.

Steve is Chairman of the Australian Section of the International Commission of Jurists. The International Commission of Jurists, established in 1952 and based in Geneva, has consultative status with the United Nations.

Steve has lectured and consulted widely throughout Australia on human rights issues and sound management practices in both the public and private sectors including a three-year period as a lecturer in the Law Faculty at Macquarie University. Steve was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws at Macquarie University in October 2000.

He was appointed as Legal Services Commissioner when the Office was established in July 1994. The Office of the Legal Services Commissioner receives complaints against solicitors and barristers in New South Wales and works to improve ethical behaviour of lawyers. He stepped down from that position in August 2013.

In 2012, Steve Mark was appointed as a member of the University of New England, School of Law Advisory Board.

In August 2013 Steve was a co-founder of Creative Consequences Pty Ltd., an international consultancy with a focus on law, business, and regulatory advisory services.

In 2014 Steve was appointed a Member of The Order of Australia for his contribution to law, legal regulation, indigenous people, and the community

Since 2017 Steve has been a Teaching Fellow in the Law Faculty of the University of New South Wales teaching legal ethics. He had also taught Business Law at the Business School at the University.

DAVID TURNER   Host

David Turner has a gift for teasing out people's stories, so it's no wonder he is Hearsay's host. With a double Bachelor of Arts and Laws from Macquarie University, he is also an MBA candidate at UNSW's Australian Graduate School of Management.

When he isn't interviewing people on Hearsay, David is a lawyer at Assured Legal Solutions, a boutique financial services law firm located in Sydney's CBD. Prior to joining Assured, he was called to the NSW Bar, and is a former President of NSW Young Lawyers and a former Councillor of the Law Society of NSW.

David spends the little downtime that he has left reading historical fiction and tinkering on home improvement projects.

You can access David's bio on the Assured Legal Solutions website here.