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## GROPE HAMILTON LAWYERS

# Mark Hamilton

### PERSONAL DETAILS

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Age:	58 years of age
Nationality:	Australian
Marital Status:	Married to Deborah with two daughters



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## SUMMARY STATEMENT

- Legal practice leadership experience, as Managing Partner of legal firms in Adelaide for 23 years and continuing.
- Significant business and management experience in the legal and corporate sectors, including the establishment and management of Hamilton's Ewell Vineyards in the Australian wine sector.
- Longstanding member of the legal profession in South Australia having practiced in commercial and advisory areas and as a commercial litigator and insolvency lawyer for more than 31 years.
- Extensive board and committee experience.

## LEGAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Presently Managing Partner and Principal of Grope Hamilton Lawyers, a leading Adelaide CBD "boutique" commercial law firm which specialises in commercial transactions and advice, commercial litigation and insolvency law.

## LEGAL PRACTICE

Mark has more than 31 years experience as a legal practitioner, including:

Solicitor, then Partner, Ouwens Wagnitz and Co	1978-1981
Managing Partner, Grope Hamilton and Co	1982-1987
Partner, Johnsons Lawyers	1987-1988
Managing Partner, Johnsons Lawyers	1988-1991
Partner, Finlaysons	1991
Managing Partner, Grope Hamilton Lawyers	1991-1998
Consultant, Grope Hamilton Lawyers	1998-2003
Managing Partner and Principal, Grope Hamilton Lawyers	2003 onwards

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws, Adelaide	1975
Master of Laws (Commercial), Adelaide	1988

## **PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

### **State Government Appointments**

Chairman, City of Adelaide Planning Commission Plan Review Sub-Committee (Appointed by Planning Commission)	1984-1985
Member, City of Adelaide Planning Commission (SA Government appointment)	1985-1991
Chairman, City of Adelaide Planning Commission Plan Review Sub-Committee (Appointed by Planning Commission)	1990-1991
Deputy Member, City of Adelaide Planning Commission (SA Government appointment)	1991-1993
Deputy Member, Australian Grand Prix Board (SA Government appointment)	1992
Deputy Member, State Heritage Authority	1997-1999
Board Member, Women's and Children's Hospital Inc. (SA Government appointment)	1997-1999
Member, State Heritage Authority (SA Government appointments)	1999 – 2003

### **Adelaide City Council Involvement**

More than ten years as an Alderman of the Adelaide City Council, with a major role in establishing and supervising the Council's \$75 million annual budget as Chairman of the Corporate Planning and Finance Committee.

Member	1982-1993
Deputy Lord Mayor	1992
Acting Lord Mayor, periods	1992
Chairman, Corporate Planning and Finance Committee	1989-1993
Member, Corporate Planning and Finance Committee	1989-1997
Chairman, Health, Parks and Community Services	1983-1984
Chairman, City Development and Planning Committee	1990-1993
Chairman, City of Adelaide Plan Review Working Party	1984-1985
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Chairman of numerous working groups and sub-committees	Various

#### **WINE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT**

Directorship role with original Hamilton's Ewell Vineyards Group from 1972 (at age 21) until 1979. HEV was then Australia's sixth largest wine group of companies until its sale to Mildara Wines Ltd.

Planned and implemented a "re-born" business development of Hamilton's Ewell Vineyards into a wine industry participant (1991 and continuing).

#### **HAMILTON'S EWELL VINEYARDS**

In 1979, the original Hamilton's Ewell Vineyards Pty Ltd company was sold "lock, stock and barrel" to emerging industry giant Mildara Wines Ltd. Over the next decade, rationalisation saw the disappearance of many traditional Hamilton's wine and spirit labels in Australia and abroad. In 1989, the original Hamilton's Ewell Vineyards Pty Ltd company was deregistered, effectively spelling an end to an era.

From 1991, Mark and his wife Deborah moved to secure and re-register the Hamilton's Ewell Vineyards trademarks and business names in Australia and overseas and acquired more than 500 acres of premium vineyards in the Barossa Valley, Eden Valley and Riverland.

#### **RECENT EXTERNAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

Telemallaudio Pty Ltd, a leading Australian "message on hold" provider ( 2004 - 2008 )  
The Beachouse, Glenelg, Chairman of the Board of Management ( 2008- 2009 )