

Episode 37: Guest bios

Episode name: Costs assessments: fair, reasonable... and proportionate?

Guest(s): Mike Dudman

MIKE DUDMAN

Director at Blackstone Legal Costing

A Director of one of the largest specialist legal costing firms in the country, Blackstone Legal Costing, Mike Dudman heads up the firm's Sydney, Brisbane and Gold Coast practices.

Accredited as a specialist in costs law by the Law Institute of Victoria, Mike has been involved in challenging or pursuing costs claims across NSW, Victoria, Queensland, the ACT and federally since 2000. A Queensland Court Appointed Costs Assessor, in addition to his LLB, Mike holds an MBA majoring in finance and an Arts Degree majoring in psychology.

Regularly called to give expert evidence on costs, Mike is also an active committee member of the Queensland branch of the Australian Lawyers Alliance and currently sits on the Law Institute of Victoria's accreditation committee for costs law specialists.

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](#).