

MARK EATON

(1989 - 1990)



When Mark was young he loved both Top Gun and JAG and wanted to be a fighter pilot or a lawyer or both. 1 out of 2 ain't bad.

WHAT HAS HE BEEN UP TO?

During his time at Mount Waverley Secondary College, Mark set his sights on pursuing a career in law, not so much because he was argumentative, but because he liked to help people resolve their differences. With hard work and perseverance during his VCE years, Mark achieved his aim and in 1996 enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws at Monash University, graduating in 2001.

Mark's career has seen him navigate a series of mergers and acquisitions to find himself in his present position, partner at HDME Lawyers. Throughout his career in private legal practice, Mark has represented clients in complex commercial, property and estate litigation. Mark has also acted for private clients with significant estates providing advice in the areas of wills and succession. Mark has a keen interest in alternative dispute resolution.

Over the years, Mark has been on many committees and boards, as a member of the Austin Hospital's Human Research Ethics Committee to a director on the Board of the local Pinewood Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) and as President of his son's primary school School Council. Mark has also found time to enjoy his passion for sport as a coach of junior basketball teams.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

Mark is a Partner in the firm HDME Lawyers, where he leads the commercial litigation and succession law teams. Whilst the firm's main office is in St Kilda Road, Mark has stayed true to his roots, with HDME Lawyers maintaining a branch office in the Pinewood Shopping Centre at Mount Waverley. Mark is also a co-trustee of Funds in Court, Supreme Court of Victoria.



SOMETHING YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT HIM

Mark recalls his time as a Year 7 student on the SRC where he successfully campaigned to introduce a less formal alternative to the school blazer as an option to the official school uniform.