

Greg Smith

Consulting Principal

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Area of expertise

Work Health & Safety

Previous engagements

Freehills
Australian Regular Army
Jackson McDonald
Sparke Helmore Lawyers
Woodside Energy Limited
Curtin University
STE Safety & Legal

Overview

Greg Smith is the Principal of Nexus Law Group in Western Australia. He has spent more than two decades specialising in safety and health management, focussing on assisting clients to understand organisational and individual responsibility for safety and health, and implement and verify processes to discharge those responsibilities.

Expertise

Greg is an international award winning author and qualified lawyer who has worked as a partner and legal practitioner in some of Australia's leading law firms.

In addition to his legal experience, Greg has worked as the Principal Safety Advisor for Woodside Energy Limited. In that role, he reported to the Vice President Safety and Health, and was responsible for the ongoing development and implementation of Woodside's global safety management strategy. Key strategic responsibilities included contractor safety management, incident investigation, the introduction of an organisational behavioural framework to drive cultural change, training and competencies, and developing corporate level standards and procedures.

Greg is qualified in a range of incident investigation techniques, including TapRoot® and Kelvin TOP-SET® as well as Human Factors Analysis. Greg is also a qualified lead auditor specialising in health and safety management systems.

As a leading safety and health practitioner, Greg's technical expertise is deep, providing some of Australia's largest and most significant employer's with strategic safety and health advice on compliance, incident investigation management and response, contractor safety management and representation in various legal proceedings. His industry experience is broad, applying his safety and health expertise to following sectors:

- mining
- oil and gas
- construction
- telecommunications
- banking
- manufacturing
- defence
- local and State government
- transport.

Greg has also devised and delivers comprehensive safety and health training programs and is regarded as a leading provider of safety and health training, particularly in the areas of management due diligence and contractor safety management. He also teaches accident prevention as part of the School of Public Health, Health, Safety and Environment at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia.

Greg has appeared in the Supreme Court, District Court and Magistrates Court of Western Australia, the Federal Court, Equal Opportunity Tribunal and the State Administrative Tribunal. He has also been involved in military boards of inquiry into major accidents.

In 2010, Greg acted for a number of parties in the Montara Commission of Inquiry.

Publications

Greg is the author of the books, Management Obligations for Safety and Health and the editor of the book Contractor Safety Management. In 2014 his book, Contractor Safety Management won the Educational Award presented by the World Safety Organisation.

Qualifications

Greg graduated from the University of Western Australia in 1990 with a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws and is admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Western Australia and the High Court of Australia.

