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Neil is a Sydney-based solicitor and legal ethicist with a prior background in government consultancy and community sector management. In a former life he founded the Queensland Law Society Centre for Lawyers' Ethics and its widely-used Ethics Centre website. Neil served as QLS Senior Ethics Lawyer until moving to Sydney in 2011 to open his own CBD practice specialising in lawyers' ethics training and defending lawyers in professional disciplinary matters.

A believer that values will always be more powerful than rules Neil nonetheless was a major contributor to the Law Council of Australia's (almost) national *Australian Solicitors' Conduct Rules* now adopted in SA, Qld, ACT, NSW, Victoria and, as of 2021, WA. When not working in his practice he teaches at UTS & Macquarie Law Schools, trains senior practitioners at the College of Law in NSW and Victoria and provides advice, training, a bit of inspiration and his signature humour to lawyers, regulators and businesses around Australia.

