

## **BIOGRAPHY – DAVID GARNSEY**

David Garnsey is the Chief Executive Officer of the Rugby League Players Association (**RLPA**), having assumed that position in July 2009.

Prior to joining the RLPA, he practised as a Corporate Litigator and Sports Lawyer at leading Asia-Pacific law firm, Minter Ellison, for over 21 years.

While at Minter Ellison, David represented a number of clients from the world of sport, including the National Rugby League (**NRL**), Soccer NSW, the Sydney Swans and the Sydney Kings. He was one of the key advisors to the NRL in relation to the proceedings commenced in the Federal Court of Australia by the South Sydney Rugby League Club after that Club had not been selected to participate in the NRL Competition in 2000, a case which was ultimately determined by the High Court.

He was also often requested to sit on Tribunals convened by the governing bodies of sports, including Soccer NSW, Football Federation Australia and Australian Canoeing.

David played Rugby Union for the Sydney University Football Club from 1981-1988 and captained the Club in 1987 against a touring team from Long Beach University. While a player, he served as the Registrar of the Club for several years and, after retiring, managed the Reserve Grade team for two seasons. David also represented the University as a cricketer between 1981 and 2003.

David holds both a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) degree and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Sydney University. He is married with two children and currently manages his son's junior soccer and rugby teams.