

CONSTRUCTION LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN AUSTRALIA



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**Construction Lawyer and Manager
at Lovegrove & Cotton Construction
& Planning Lawyers; Secretary
of the IBQC Dispute Resolution
Working Coalition; Former Ethiopian
Consulate to Victoria attaché.**

Tsigereda "Ziggy" Lovegrove has an LLB from Victoria University and a diploma in management, coupled with nine years' management experience. She has a further diploma in legal training from the Leo Cussen Centre for Law.

Construction & Planning Lawyer

Practising in the area of building dispute resolution and building regulatory advice and application, she has conduct of: VCAT matters; respondent and plaintiff advocacy in sole and multi-defendant VCAT matters; leaky building and cladding litigation; drafting and settling affidavits; defending winding-up applications; building regulatory enforcement and compliance cases; respondent building compliance regularisation; plea bargaining and negotiation with council compliance officers; as well as advising NSW certifiers on legislative interpretation.

Previous Roles

- Assistant to Ethiopian Honorary Consul to Victoria;
- Secretary to the International Building Quality Centre Dispute Resolution Coalition;
- Lovegrove & Cotton liaison contact for Hope for Children, HIV NGO Ethiopia;
- Past Financial Controller – all aspects of financial control and bookkeeping.

Law Firm Management

A diploma in management, coupled with nine years' management experience, has qualified Tsigereda to run the office – ensuring a harmonious environment wherein staff are universally treated with dignity and respect. She also maintains best-practice HR and safe workplace protocols, dealing with staff concerns to ensure there is cohesion and happiness.

International Building Quality Centre

Tsigereda is the secretary to the International Building Quality Centre dispute resolution coalition. In this capacity, she coordinates logistics for the group. The coalition

comprises multinational legal experts, ranging from King's Counsel to pre-eminent construction lawyers and arbitrators, to a senior presiding judge and a retired judge.

Bilingualism

Tsigereda is fluent in English as well as her native Ethiopian language Amharic. It follows that she can take instructions from members of the Ethiopian business community on the resolution of disputes; moreover, Tsigereda can translate legal instruments drafted in Amharic into English, and the converse. Her high level of bilingualism is a rare expertise.

Publications

To date, Tsigereda has published a number of articles, namely:

- Domestic Building Insurance Requirements in Victoria;
- Victorian Building Practitioners' Insurance Requirements;
- How to Prepare and Respond to Statutory Demands and Wind-up Applications; as well as
- Co-authorship of the IBQC guidelines for inspection protocols in emerging economies.