

## **Campbell James Bennett (“Cam”)**



### **Qualifications**

Bachelor of Commerce (Melbourne University 1966)

Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia & New Zealand(1969)

Fellow of The Taxation Institute of Australia – Chartered Tax Adviser

### **Career**

1962 Joined Hornemann Macaw & Oldfield (became part of Ernst & Whinney).

1970 - London – Merchant Banking

1971 – Returned to Hornemann Macaw & Oldfield

1973 – Joined Wallace McMullin & Partners, Chartered Accountants.

1978 – Partner Wallace McMullin & Smail, Chartered Accountants

1984 – Wallace McMullin & Smail changed name to Duesburys, Chartered Accountants

1987 – Partner Touche Ross & Co, Chartered Accountants (now part of KPMG)

1990 – Own practice – The Bennett Group.

## **Expertise**

Cam's experience has been extensive and covers all areas of the professional accounting spectrum.

At his first firm, his experience encompassed Audit, Company Secretarial, tax & accounting and insolvency work in the form of company liquidations and receiverships.. He was for some years, a member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries, deciding to relinquish that membership when it became less relevant to his day-to-day work.

Wallace McMullin & Partners was a medium sized firm specialising in advising small to medium owner-operated businesses. In 1975, the firm merged with Kennedy Smail, a specialist insolvency firm to become Wallace McMullin & Smail. The firm was a leader in the field of trusts at a time when the use of trusts as trading entities through which to run businesses was becoming more popular and employed several solicitors who practised in that area.

Cam was for many years the Marketing partner for both Wallace McMullin & Smail and its antecedent firm, Duesburys.

Cam left Duesburys in 1987 and joined the Melbourne office of Touche Ross, Chartered Accountants, becoming a Business Services partner there in 1988. Most of his clients followed him to the new firm, and following the merger of Touche Ross with Peat Marwick in 1989, which merger created the firm of KPMG, Cam left Touche Ross and set up his own firm, The Bennett Group on 1 January 1990.

## **The Bennett Group**

Leeanne Summers, who had worked with Cam at both Wallace McMullin & Smail (Duesburys) and Touche Ross joined him at The Bennett Group becoming a partner in mid-1990.

Together they ran The Bennett Group until 2012 when the practice was sold to David Gibbs, a professional associate of theirs within The Institute of Chartered Accountants for many years.