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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA  
BRISBANE REGISTRY

No. B14 of 2017

BETWEEN:

THORNE  
Appellant

and

KENNEDY  
Respondent

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ANNOTATED APPELLANT'S CHRONOLOGY

**Part I:**

I certify that this chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

**Part II:**

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**1939** Birth of Kennedy (Husband).

**1970** Birth of Thorne (Wife).

**Early to Mid- 2006** Thorne (Future Wife) and Kennedy (Future Husband) meet via [www.bride.au.com](http://www.bride.au.com). The parties then commenced speaking with each other on the telephone.<sup>1</sup>

**July 2006 to February 2007** Kennedy travelled overseas to a country in the Middle East where Thorne resided. Together they spent a couple of months travelling around Europe, where they met Thorne's family.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> AB 652

<sup>2</sup> AB 653

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- February 2007** Kennedy and Thorne arrive in Australia and move into Kennedy's penthouse.<sup>3</sup>
- 8 August 2007** Thorne and Kennedy attend on the groom's Solicitor for the purpose of Kennedy instructing the solicitor to prepare a financial agreement to be signed prior to the wedding.<sup>4</sup>
- A few weeks before the wedding scheduled for September 2007** The bride's parents and sister were flown to Australia from Europe by the groom. They were accommodated by the groom.
- September 2007** Financial Agreement (Pre-Nuptial Agreement s. 90B *Family Law 1975*) (The first agreement).
- September 2007** Marriage of Thorne and Kennedy.<sup>5</sup>
- 20 November 2007** Financial Agreement (Agreement s. 90C *Family Law Act 1975*) (The second agreement).<sup>6</sup>
- 16 June 2011** Husband signs 'Separation Declaration'.<sup>7</sup>
- 9 August 2011** The Wife leaves the home.
- 27 April 2012** The Wife files an application in the Federal Circuit Court seeking declarations that the agreements be declared non-binding, alternatively, set aside, or declared void. Further the wife seeks an adjustment of property in the order of \$1,100,000.00 and lump sum spousal maintenance of \$104,000.00.

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<sup>3</sup> AB 653

<sup>4</sup> AB 654

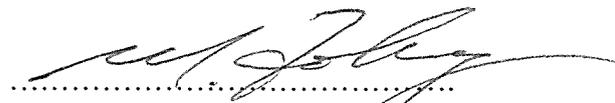
<sup>5</sup> AB 662

<sup>6</sup> AB 663

<sup>7</sup> AB 663

- 27 June 2012** The Husband files a response in the Federal Circuit Court opposing the orders sought by the Wife and seeking orders that the second agreement be binding.
- 2014** The Husband dies.
- 2014** The deceased husband's adult children were substituted as the Respondents in the proceedings.
- 4 March 2015** Demack J in the Federal Circuit Court makes orders that neither the first nor second Financial Agreements are binding upon the parties, that first and second Financial Agreements be side aside, that the matter be adjourned for directions.<sup>8</sup>
- 26 November 2015** Hearing of appeal by the trustee of the husband's estate in the Full Court of the Family Court in Brisbane (Strickland, Aldridge and Cronin JJ).
- 26 September 2016** Delivery of judgement by the Full Court of the Family Court upholding the appeal.<sup>9</sup>
- 10 March 2017** Special leave to appeal granted by the Full Court of the High Court (Keane and Edelman JJ).<sup>10</sup>

Dated 31 May 2017



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<sup>8</sup> AB 676

<sup>9</sup> AB 725

<sup>10</sup> AB 728