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Admissions Date of admission to the Bar

2018

Date of admission as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of NSW

2009

Admissions in other jurisdictions

High Court of Australia

New York

New Zealand

Qualifications

Bachelor of Laws (Hons I)

University of New South Wales (UNSW)

Bachelor of International Studies in Languages with Distinction, UNSW

• Ranking: 1st in International Studies/Law; 7th in Law

LLM, New York University (NYU)

• Dean's Graduate Award

Foundations of Directorship Course,

Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)

Previous experience

Associate, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost,

Colt & Mosle LLP, New York 2014–2018

Acting Senior Legal Officer and Legal Officer, 2011–2013

Office of International Law (OIL),

Australian Attorney-General's Department

Solicitor, Government Law Practice Group, 2010-2011

New South Wales Crown Solicitor's Office

Research Director to James Spigelman AC KC, 2009

then Chief Justice of NSW

Tipstaff to Justice John Basten, Judge, 2008–2009

NSW Court of Appeal and NSW Court of Criminal Appeal

Memberships

Professional Conduct Committee, NSW Bar Association Member, Australian Institute of Company Directors Member, Education Committee, NSW Bar Association 2024 2023 to present 2021 to present

Selected cases

Administrative, Public & Constitutional

Walker Group Holdings Pty Ltd v Secretary, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water [2024] FCA 504

Error of law. Freedom of information. (Unled)

Whippy v The University of Sydney [2023] NSWSC 1607

Judicial review.

(Unled)

Norkin v University of New England [2023] NSWCA 194

Statutory construction. Privacy. (Led by S Free SC)

Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC v Minister for Resources and Water [2023] FCA 809

Constitutional law. Judicial review. Public international law. (Led by C Lenehan SC and C Tran, with J Wang)

Lakes Oil NL and Innovation and Science Australia [2023] AATA 811

Merits review of decision that activities not "R&D activities" within the meaning of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth). (Led by T Wong SC)

Kang v University of Sydney [2022] NSWCATAD 135

Claim under Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW). (Unled)

TJYS and National Disability Insurance Agency [2021] AATA 3409

Merits review of supports under National Disability Insurance Scheme. (Unled)

Class Actions

McDonald v Google LLC (Federal Court, ongoing)

Competition law.

(Led by C Moore SC, R Yezerski SC, with P Strickland and W Liu)

White v UGL Operations and Maintenance Pty Ltd (No 2) [2023] FCA 901

Settlement of representative proceedings. Industrial law.

(Unled in the settlement hearing)

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council v Commonwealth (Federal Court, settled)

Tort and breach of statutory duties.

(Led by S Lloyd SC, S Free SC, A Munro, with C Gregory)

Bogan v The Estate of Peter John Smedley (Deceased) [2022] VSC 201

Application for group costs order.

(Led by J Kirk SC and J Roy)

Climate Change

Australian Centre for Climate Responsibility v Santos Limited (Federal Court, ongoing)

Misleading and deceptive conduct. Alleged "greenwashing" of emission targets.

(Led by N Young KC and B Lim)

Commercial and Contract Law

William Inglis and Son Limited v Australian Turf Club Limited and SMEC Testing Services Pty Ltd (NSW Supreme Court, settled)

Breach of contract, misleading and deceptive conduct, negligence. (Led by I Pike SC)

Competition and Consumer

Epic Games, Inc v Google LLC (Federal Court, ongoing)

Competition law.

(Led by C Moore SC, R Yezerski SC, with P Strickland and W Liu)

ASIC v BHF Solutions Pty Ltd [2022] FCAFC 108

Scope of National Credit Code and exemptions for continuing credit contracts.

(Led by G Kennett SC, N Williams SC and M Allars SC, with C Winnett)

Corporations and Insolvency

In the matter of Direct FX Trading Pty Ltd (in liq) (No 2) [2024] NSWSC 1079

Application for judicial advice and directions. (Unled)

In the matter of OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd and Tahmoor Coal Pty Ltd (Supreme Court of NSW, Judgment of Black J, 16 August 2021)

Winding up application. Extension of timetable. (Led by S Mirzabegian SC)

Kelly (Liquidator), in the matter of Halifax Investment Services Pty Ltd (in liquidation) v Loo [2021] FCA 531; In the matter of Halifax New Zealand Limited (in liquidation) [2021] NZHC 1113

Application for judicial advice and directions. Trusts. Distribution of funds. Joint final hearing in the Federal Court of Australia and in the High Court of New Zealand.

(Led by A Leopold SC and E Holmes)

Nation Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd v Paltar Petroleum Ltd (Administrators Appointed) [2019] FCA 1473

Leave to bring interlocutory proceeding against a company in liquidation under 471B of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and leave to settle proceeding under s 240 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). (Unled)

International Law and Arbitration

Greylag Goose Leasing 1410 Designated Activity Company v P.T. Garuda Indonesia Ltd [2024] HCA 21

Private international la. Foreign states immunity. Statutory construction. (Led by P Herzfeld SC)

Epic Games, Inc v Google LLC [2022] FCA 66

Private international law. Stay application. (Led by N Hutley SC, J Hutton SC and R Yezerski SC)

Muhammet Çap & Bankrupt Sehil Inşaat Endustri ve Ticaret Ltd. Sti. v. Turkmenistan (ICSID Case No. ARB/12/6)

Investor-state arbitration. (Unled)

Planning and Environment

AMP Macquarie Pty Limited v Valuer-General of NSW [2022] NSWLEC 114

Appeal against Valuer-General's determination of land value. (Led by A Galasso SC)

Mullaley Gas and Pipeline Accord Inc v Santos NSW (Eastern) Pty Ltd [2021] NSWLEC 110

Judicial review of development consent. (Led by R Lancaster SC)

Muswellbrook Shire Council v Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd (No 3) [2019] NSWCA 216

Construction of development consent. (Led by R Lancaster SC)

Practice and Procedure

Gillies v State of NSW [2023] NSWSC 1520

Application for trial by jury of interlocutory matter. (Unled)

William Inglis & Son Limited v Australian Turf Club Limited [2022] NSWSC 800

Waiver of legal professional privilege. (Led by I Pike SC)

Robinson v State of NSW [2021] NSWSC 1571

Application for summary dismissal. (Unled)

White v UGL Operations and Maintenance Pty Ltd [2021] FCA 587

Release from implied undertaking. (Led by Y Shariff SC)

Mullaley Gas and Pipeline Accord Inc v Santos NSW (Eastern) Pty Ltd [2021] NSWLEC 24

Application for leave to rely on expert evidence. (Unled)

Hy-Tec Industries (Queensland) Pty Ltd v Tweed Shire Council (No 2) [2020] NSWLEC 5

Costs. (Unled)

Property and Equity

Aust-One Investment Pty Ltd v New World Investments Pty Ltd [2023] NSWCA 22

Construction of registered easement. Enforceability of positive covenants. (Led by R Higgins SC)

Royal Commissions, Inquiries and Inquests

Inquest into the death of Bernard Gore, November 2019 and July 2020

Appeared as counsel assisting. (Led by A Mitchelmore SC)