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Admissions

Date of admission to the Bar 2015

Qualifications

Bachelor of Jurisprudence and Bachelor of Laws,
 University of New South Wales

LLM, University of London

Rankings

Chambers and Partners Asia-Pacific Guide – 2022 – 2024
 Dispute Resolution Junior Counsel, 2024 (Band 2),
 2022-2023 (Band 3)

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific – Australian Bar rankings – 2021 – 2024
 Commercial Disputes – Leading junior, 2023-2024 (Band 2),
 Rising Star, 2021-2022

Doyles Guide (NSW) – Recommended Commercial
 Litigation and Dispute Resolution Junior Counsel 2023 – 2024

Best Lawyers Australia for Litigation 2010 – 2025

Previous experience

Ashurst Australia, Sydney – Partner (7 years)

The focus of my practice at Ashurst was corporate and commercial disputes, class actions and contentious regulatory work

Matters included:

- *Andrews v Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited*, a class action concerning exception fees and the law of penalties;
- representing banks in defending claims made by customers;
- representing corporate clients in regulatory matters including ASIC investigations and ACCC proceedings;
- representing clients in corporate disputes and proceedings arising from corporate control transactions.

CMS Cameron McKenna, London – Solicitor (3 years)

The focus of my practice in London was advising clients (predominantly insurers) on coverage issues, acting in insurance coverage disputes arising out of high-value property damage claims, and defending insured professionals such as builders and architects against negligence claims. I also advised on insurance arrangements for various public private partnerships

Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Sydney and Hong Kong, Solicitor (5 years)

After spending my graduate year at Mallesons doing front-end commercial property work, I moved into the litigation group in Sydney to do professional indemnity work and then to Hong Kong where I acted for clients in construction disputes including in domestic and international arbitrations

Appointments and memberships

Professional Conduct Committee member, NSW Bar Association	2019 to present
Commercial Law Section, NSW Bar Association, Co-secretary	2020 to present
Bar Councillor, NSW Bar Association	2020
Diversity and Equality Committee member, NSW Bar Association	2016 – 2022
Legal Qualifications Committee of the NSW Legal Professional Admission Board	2018 – 2024

Selected cases

Class Actions

***Alford & Ors v AMP Superannuation Limited & Ors* (Federal Court, VID 572/2019)**

Representing three defendants in a class action brought on behalf of superannuation fund members relating to the administration of the funds and fees charged. Ongoing

***Torley v Hyundai Motor Company Australia Pty Ltd & Anor; Schleehauf & Anor v Kia Australia Pty Ltd & Anor* [2023] FCA 591 (Federal Court, NSD 131/2023)**

Acting for defendants in representative proceedings concerning alleged breaches of warranty relating to 'acceptable quality' and misleading and deceptive conduct claims under the Australian Consumer Law. Ongoing (Led by Dr R Higgins SC and B Mostafa)

***Findlay v DSHE Holdings Ltd; Mastoris v DSHE Holdings Ltd* (NSW Supreme Court proceedings 2017/294069; 2018/52431)**

Acting for auditors in defending shareholder class actions arising from the collapse of ASX listed, consumer electronics retailer, DSHE Holdings Limited – settled part way through final hearing. (Led by P Braham SC, A Shearer and R Mansted)

***Lenthall v Westpac Banking Corporation* [2018] FCA 1422, [2019] FCAFC 34, [2019] HCA 45 and [2021] FCA 1004**

Acting for litigation funder in relation to application for a common fund order in a consumer class action and subsequent settlement approval hearing. (Led by N Hutley SC and B Lim)

Commercial, corporations and insolvency

***BlueScope Steel (AIS) v Illawarra Coal Holdings* (NSW Supreme Court – Commercial List proceedings 2016/183743)**

Acting for BlueScope Steel (AIS) in a dispute concerning a long term contract for the supply of coal to the Port Kembla Steelworks – settled during final hearing. (Led by K Stern SC)

***In the matter of VIG 88 Development Pty Ltd (in liquidation) (receivers and managers appointed)* (NSW Supreme Court – Corporations List proceedings 2021/252153)**

Acting for liquidators and companies in liquidation in proceedings to set aside transactions under s 588FF of the *Corporations Act 2001* (voidable transactions) arising out of the collapse of a property development group. (Led by M Condon SC)

***In the matter of Australian Style Holdings Pty Ltd* [2018] NSWSC 1368 (NSW Supreme Court – Corporations List proceedings)**

Acting for the former directors of a listed property fund in defending claims relating to a unitholder's interest being diluted as a result of a capital raising – settled before final hearing. (Led by I Pike SC)

Confidential ICC arbitration

Representing an ASX-listed resource company in an arbitration arising from a contractual dispute with a joint venture partner relating to a gas-exploration project. (Led by T Cox KC and I Thomas)

Professional liability and negligence

Halifax Investment Services Pty Ltd (in liquidation) v EC Audit Pty Ltd & Ors (Federal Court, NSD711/2022)

Acting for auditors in defending claims arising from the collapse of an online trading platform provider and stockbroker. (Led by C Withers SC)

DSHE Holdings (Receivers and Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) v Abboud & others; National Australia Bank v Nicholas Abboud & others (2021) 155 ACSR 1; [2021] NSWSC 673

Acting for auditors in defending claims arising from the collapse of electronic consumer goods retailer, Dick Smith Holdings Limited. (Led by P Braham SC, A Shearer and R Mansted)

London City Equities Ltd v Ernst & Young (NSW Supreme Court proceedings 2017/145976)

Representing auditors in defending negligence claim brought by shareholders of Penrice Soda Holdings Limited, a public company which went into liquidation in 2014. Settled after service of affidavit evidence from the audit partners. (Led by B Roberts KC)

Bleeker Street Nominees Pty Ltd & Anor v Merrill Lunch Equities (Australia) Limited (NSW Supreme Court proceedings 2021/286706)

Acting for an investment bank in defending a professional negligence suit about a proposed block trade. (Led by M Hodge KC)

Regulatory matters

Australian Prudential Regulation Authority v Kelaher (2019) 138 ACSR 459; [2019] FCA 1521

Acting for CFO of an ASX listed entity in successfully defending disqualification proceedings brought by APRA under the *Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993* (Cth). (Led by D Studdy SC)

ASIC investigations and proceedings

Advising clients, representing examinees at section 19 examinations and acting for clients in regulatory proceedings brought by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner investigations

Advising clients in relation to OAIC investigations and examinations

Royal Commissions and Inquiries

Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry

Represented Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and its subsidiaries in the financial advice and superannuation rounds of the Banking Royal Commission. (Led by K Williams SC, M Collins KC, I Pike SC; instructed by Ashurst)

Independent review of The Star Pty Ltd under the Casino Control Act 1992 (NSW)

Represented partners of a Big 4 professional services firm who appeared as a witnesses at the Bell Inquiry in 2022. (Unled, instructed by Allens)

Schemes of arrangement

***Re Fairfax Media Limited* [2018] FCA 1610 and (2018) 366 ALR 516, [2018] FCA 1930**

Acting for Nine Entertainment Limited in obtaining court approval for the scheme of arrangement to effect its merger with Fairfax Media. (Led by K Stern SC)

***Re Sirtex Medical Limited* [2018] FCA 1048, [2018] FCA 1315 and [2018] FCA 1559**

Acting for Sirtex Medical Limited to obtain court approval for its \$1.9 billion scheme of arrangement. (Led by M Oakes SC)

***Re Think Childcare Ltd* [2021] FCA 1042 and [2021] FCA 1228**

Acting for the acquirer in hearings to obtain court approval for a scheme of arrangement. (Unled)

***Re Gordian RunOff Ltd* [2021] FCA 1386 and [2021] FCA 1632**

Acting for applicant to obtain court approval for transfer of a general insurance business under s 17F of the *Insurance Act 1973* (Cth). (Led by M Izzo SC)

Other

***Patakas v Bevan* [2016] NSWSC 1618**

Acting for a solicitor in a successful application for an interlocutory injunction to stay costs assessment proceedings instigated by a barrister, and in defending related oppression proceedings. (Led by TG Parker SC)

***City X-Ray Pty Ltd v Rigby Hall Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWDC 222**

Acting for a landlord in successfully defending a claim brought by a former tenant relating to the calling of a bank guarantee and the extent of make good works required on expiry of a commercial lease. (Unled)