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PROFESSIONAL

2018 - date	Barrister , Banco Chambers
2012 - 2018	Solicitor , Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers (Litigation and Dispute Resolution)
2011 - 2012	Associate to the Hon Robert French, Chief Justice of Australia , High Court of Australia
2009 - 2012	Lecturer , Australian National University (Commercial Law, Law of Business Entities, Administrative Law)

EDUCATION

2018	Master of Laws, New York University John Monash Scholarship, Hauser Global Scholarship First place in: Quantitative Methods in Evidence; Regulation of Foreign Corrupt Practices; Financial Instruments and the Capital Markets National award for best student paper on dispute resolution, USA & Canada
2011	Bachelor of Laws, Australian National University First in Law with First Class Honours Prizes and scholarships: First Place in Honours in Law; First Place in Final Year Law; First Place in Penultimate Year Law; First Place in Property, Equity & Trusts; First Place in Administrative Law; First Place in Constitutional Law; Australian National Undergraduate Scholarship; ANU Honours Scholarship; Australian Military Law and Justice Centre Research Scholarship (Constitutional Law)
2010	Bachelor of Economics, Australian National University Prizes and scholarships: Chancellor's Letter of Commendation for outstanding performance in economics; Chancellor's Letter of Commendation for outstanding performance in commerce; Award for most outstanding achievement in first year actuarial studies; Australian National Undergraduate Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

'Contractual rights and remedies for dismissed employees after the "employment revolution"' (2012) 36 *Melbourne University Law Review* 104

'Developments in Australian employment law' (2012) *International Employment Law Update* (with Dianne Banks and James Pomeroy)

'Employer surveillance of employee emails: what are the rules?' (2013) 16 *Internet Law Bulletin* 8 (with Dianne Banks, Peter Leonard, James Pomeroy, Kim McGuren)

'Business Crime in Australia' (2016) *The Strategic Review* (with Stephanie Wee and Ghassan Kassisieh)

'Financial Crime: a guide to corporate crime, fraud and investigations in Australia' (2017) *Practical Law* (with Stephanie Wee and Ghassan Kassisieh)

'Should Lawyers Owe a Duty of Candor in Mediation?' (2018) 11 *American Journal of Mediation*

SELECTED CASES (as a solicitor)

Litigation

Acting for **Vocation Limited (in liq)** in defending three shareholder class actions alleging misleading and deceptive conduct and breach of continuous disclosure obligations (*Cheryl Whittenbury v Vocation Ltd (in Liquidation) & Anor*, litigation ongoing).

Acting for **Telstra** in proceedings brought by wholesale customers concerning the provision of wholesale telecommunication services, including successfully defending an application for urgent interlocutory relief (substantive proceedings settled prior to final hearing).

Acting for the **former managing director of Provident Capital Limited** in defending Supreme Court proceedings brought by the company's receivers against its former board of directors (*Provident Capital Limited v O'Sullivan & Ors*, settled prior to final hearing), and separately in director disqualification proceedings including a successful Federal Court appeal (*O'Sullivan v Australian Securities and Investments Commission* [2018] FCA 228).

Acting for **Brookfield Multiplex Construction** in its landmark appeal to the High Court concerning liability for pure economic loss arising from latent building defects (*Brookfield Multiplex Ltd v Owners Corp Strata Plan 61288* (2014) 254 CLR 185)

Acting for **Westpac** in defending a Federal Court class action brought by foreign remittance businesses, alleging unconscionable conduct and breach of the Code of Banking Practice (*Sydney Forex Pty Limited v Westpac Banking Corporation*, settled after hearing).

Acting for a **major bank** in Federal Court proceedings concerning financial services and advice, involving complex expert evidence on structured derivatives and economic modelling.

Acting for an **asylum seeker** in a successful administrative law appeal to the High Court (*SZOQQ v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2013] HCA 12).

Investigations and inquiries

Acting as a Solicitor Assisting the **Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory**.

Acting for the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council in the **Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse**, as well as representing and advising numerous individual dioceses and religious orders.

Acting for directors of an ASX 100 company in connection with an **Australian Federal Police investigation** into allegations of foreign bribery and corruption.

Acting for a foreign remittance business in connection with an **AUSTRAC investigation** into allegations of terrorism financing.

Acting for Westpac in an industry-wide **ASIC investigation** into wholesale Spot Foreign Exchange (FX) trading activity between January 2008 and June 2013.

Acting for JP Morgan as whistleblower in connection with an **ACCC investigation** into an ANZ share placement, leading to landmark criminal cartel charges against persons involved in the sale of surplus shares.