



ZOE BUSH

Barrister

+61 2 8239 0234
zoe.bush@banco.net.au

Admissions

2024	Barrister , New South Wales Bar
2016	Solicitor , Supreme Court of Western Australia and High Court of Australia

Education

2020	Columbia Law School , Master of Laws Sir General John Monash Scholarship Best in Class, Climate Change Law Best in Class, Community Advocacy James Kent Scholar
2016	University of Western Australia , Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) and Arts Ciara Glennon Memorial Law Scholarship Linda Cotton Memorial Law Scholarship

Experience

Since 2024	Barrister , Banco Chambers
2020 - current	University of Western Australia , Adjunct Senior Lecturer Teaching J.D. students in Evidence, Tort and Climate Change Law
2020 - 2024	Environmental Defenders Office , Senior Solicitor, Safe Climate (Corporate) Lead instructor in greenwashing proceedings in the Federal Court Advised on corporate and consumer law issues in the context of climate change
2019 - 2020	Columbia Law School Teaching Assistant to Professor Susan Sturm Research Assistant to Professor Kimberle Crenshaw
2017 - 2019	State Solicitor's Office of Western Australia , Solicitor Appeared led and unled as a solicitor advocate in a broad range of proceedings, including public law, revenue matters, and regulatory prosecutions.
2016	Federal Court of Australia , Associate

Awards

2023	30 Under 30 Pro Bono/Community Lawyer of the Year , Lawyers Weekly
2019	Junior Woman Lawyer of the Year , Women Lawyers of Western Australia

Professional Memberships

2022 - 2024	Law Society of New South Wales , Climate Change Working Group
2018 - 2019	Law Society of Western Australia , Council Member
2018 - 2019	Law Society of Western Australia, President , Young Lawyers Committee

Select matters

As counsel

<i>Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility v Santos Ltd</i> , Federal Court of Australia (NSD858/2021) (judgment reserved)	Misleading or deceptive conduct concerning net zero and clean energy claims (led by N Hutley SC, S Hartford-Davis and J Entwisle; acting for applicant)
<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Bekier & Others</i> , Federal Court of Australia (NSD1082/2022) (ongoing)	Directors' duties (led by R Dick SC and A Lyons; acting for non-executive directors)
<i>Emmett v Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service Limited; Henderson v Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service Limited</i> , NSW Supreme Court (2024/00431987; 2024/00421657) (ongoing)	Transfer of registration from incorporated association to company limited by guarantee (led by A Hochroth; acting for respondent company)
<i>Kelly v Minister for the Environment and Water</i> , Federal Court of Australia (NSD462/2024) (discontinued)	Interlocutory injunction concerning reburial of ancestral remains (led by K Richardson SC; acted for Minister)
<i>Ravula Enterprises Pty Ltd v World Burger Pty Ltd</i> , Local Court (2023/00296544)	Breach of contract (unled; acted for plaintiff)

As a solicitor

<i>Commissioner of State Revenue v Rojoda Pty Ltd</i> (2020) 268 CLR 281; [2020] HCA 7	Declaration of trust over dutiable partnership property (as solicitor advocate, led by Solicitor General of Western Australia, J Thomson SC; commenced LLM prior to appeal hearing)
<i>Commissioner of State Revenue v Placer Dome Inc.</i> (2018) 265 CLR 585; [2018] HCA 59	Stamp duty assessment of gold mine (instructing N Hutley SC and B Jones)
<i>Sprlyan v Wyborn</i> [2019] WASC 227	Conviction appeal (as solicitor advocate, unled)

<i>Briggs v Houlihan</i> [2018] WASC 301	Sentencing appeal (as solicitor advocate, unled)
<i>Inquest into the death of AMC</i> (2019)	Coronial inquest (as solicitor advocate, unled)
<i>Pym v Richardson</i> [2018] WADC 156	Criminal injuries compensation (as solicitor advocate, unled)

Select Publications

- S Hartford-Davis and Z Bush, '*Nature-related risks and directors' duties*' (Memorandum of Opinion, October 2023)
- J Entwisle and Z Bush, '*ClientEarth v Shell Plc & Ors* [2023] EWHC 1897 (Ch)' (2023) 37(9) *Australian Environment Review* 177
- Z Bush, '*Minister for the Environment v Sharma* [2022] FCAFC 35' (2022) 37(1) *Australian Environment Review* 9
- Z Bush, '*Is climate change justiciable? Politics and policy in Minister for the Environment v Sharma*' (2022) *Australian Public Law*
- Z Bush, '*Sharma v Minister for the Environment* [2021] FCA 560' (2021) 36(4) *Australian Environment Review* 8

Select Presentations

- '*Duty of care to manage and report on climate-related risk*', Public Sector Climate-related Risk and Disclosure Summit (2 April 2025)
- '*Nature-related risks and directors' duties: What is the current state of play?*', Monash Business School (17 February 2025)
- '*Mandatory climate disclosures*', AdaptNSW Forum (5 December 2023)
- '*Climate change litigation*', NSW Department of Planning and Environment (17 November 2023)
- '*Executive Climate Risk Masterclass*', NSW Government (12 October 2023)
- '*Greenwashing: Prevention and enforcement*', National Environmental Law Association (30 March 2023)
- '*Investor litigation and greenwashing*', Legalwise (28 February 2023)
- '*Human rights and climate change*', Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (30 November 2022)
- '*Greenwashing and climate change litigation*', ASIC and the ACCC (22 November 2022)
- '*Climate-related legal issues*', ASIC (16 March 2022)
- '*The role of law in addressing the climate crisis*', keynote address for UWA's Grand Challenges Summit (23 February 2022)
- '*The new wave of climate litigation*', UWA's Grand Challenges Summit (23 February 2022)
- '*What does COP26 mean for the energy transition?*', Australian Institute of Energy (27 October 2021)