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Admissions

2023	Barrister, New South Wales Bar
2019	Solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales

Education

2021	Master of Law (Hons I) , University of Cambridge WM Tapp studentship
2017	Juris Doctor (equivalent Hons I) , University of Sydney 2nd place in graduating class Peter Paterson prize Zoe Hall scholarship, Pitt Cobbett scholarship, Exchange scholarship Quarter-finalist Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
2017	Law Exchange , Duke University
2013	Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences , University of Sydney

Professional Experience

2023 - present	Banco Chambers (Sydney) Barrister Christopher Gee QC Memorial Prize
2021-23	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan (London) Associate
2019-20	Herbert Smith Freehills (Sydney) Graduate & Solicitor
2018	Federal Court of Australia (Sydney) Associate to the Hon Kathleen Farrell

Selected matters at the Bar

Appellate

Connery & Sims [2025] FedCFamC1A 34 – Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Div 1 – Binding financial agreement; name of child - Led by D Sulan SC, instructed by Barkus Doolan Winning

Deng v ACT [2024] ACTCA 10 – ACT Supreme Court of Appeal – Jurisdictional error; bail; family violence orders; arbitrariness under the Human Rights Act 2004 (ACT) – Led by A Hochroth, instructed by ACT Government Solicitor

Locke v H.C. Loneragan & Company Pty Ltd atf Loneragan Family Trust [2025] NSWCA 166 – NSW Supreme Court of Appeal – Quantum meruit – Led by D Barnett SC, instructed by Blackwell Short

Arbitration

Qinao Lianchuang (Zhuhai) Development Co Ltd v Yulong Gold Co Ltd [2025] FCA 912 – Federal Court of Australia – Obtained \$112 million freezing order – Unled, instructed by Ren Zhou Lawyers

Qinao Lianchuang (Zhuhai) Development Co Ltd v Xinsheng Mining Co Ltd – Federal Court of Australia – Recognition and enforcement of arbitration award – Led by C Brown SC, instructed by Ren Zhou Lawyers

Confidential ACICA Arbitration (settled) – Breach of contract; breach of the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* (Cth) – Led by A Horvath SC and S Puttick, instructed by Bird & Bird

Confidential ACICA Arbitration – Breach of construction contract; extension of time; delay – Led by E Hyde, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright

Commercial & Corporate Law

Menin and Boundary Road Pty Ltd atf Crown Trust 40 v Billing (unpublished judgment) – District Court of NSW – Breach of contract – Unled, instructed by Dentons

Platypus Impact Housing Australia v Elsegood – Supreme Court of NSW – Breach of fiduciary and statutory directors duties – Unled, instructed by Legacy Legal

Zreika v Downie (settled) – District Court of NSW – Breach of contract; breach of fiduciary duties – Unled, instructed by Dentons

In the matter of ASP Aluminium Holdings Pty Ltd [2024] NSWSC 183 – Supreme Court of NSW – Leave to commence derivative action; oppression – Led by R Yezerski SC, instructed by Gilbert + Tobin

Jianglong Shipbuilding Co Ltd v Birdon Pty Ltd [2025] NSWSC 683 – Supreme Court of NSW – Breach of contract – Led by S Kanagaratnam, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Kingfisher Mobile Australia Pty Ltd v Telstra Ltd [2024] NSWSC 61 – Supreme Court of NSW – Breach of contract; expedited questions; injunction – Led by T Bannon SC, D Forrester, B Yin, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Young v Sumo Funds Management Pty Ltd (unpublished judgment) – Supreme Court of NSW – Freezing order; fraud – Led by Anais D’Arville, instructed by John de Mestre & Co

Construction

Chase Building Group (Canberra) Pty Ltd v R U Schneider Pty Ltd Trading as Capital Surveys (unpublished judgment) – ACT Supreme Court – Breach of contract, negligence – Unled on interlocutory, then led by M Hall, Instructed by Sparke Helmore

Owners Strata Plan 16624 v IPM Developments Pty Limited (in liq) [2024] NSWSC 1548 – Misleading and deceptive conduct; unconscionable conduct – Unled on interlocutory, then led by T Breakspear SC, instructed by Diamond Conway

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation v ACN 103 211 141 Pty Ltd – Supreme Court of NSW – Breach of contract, defects – Led by T Breakspear SC, instructed by King & Wood Mallesons

Employment

Alexiou v Australian and New Zealand Banking Group – Federal Court of Australia – Whistleblower protections under *Corporations Act*; adverse action under *Fair Work Act* - Led by K Morgan SC and R Pietriche, instructed by Seyfarth Shaw

Family Law

D'Souza & Kapur – Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Div 2 – Application to set aside subpoena – Unled

Tzanellis & Brazier – Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Div 2 – Parenting orders – Unled, instructed by Phillip A Wilkins & Associates

Insolvency & Restructuring

In the matter of Firmtech Aluminium Pty Ltd (subject to DOCA) – Supreme Court of NSW – Appeal from determination of proof of debt – Unled, instructed by Origin Lawyers

Chief Commissioner of Taxation v Gleeson and Soire as Administrators of Dalma Form Specialist Pty Ltd [2024] FCA 908 – Federal Court of Australia – Proof of debt appeal; setting aside DOCA; terminating administration – Led by F Assaf SC and J Anderson, instructed by Gillis Delaney

Platypus Impact Housing Australia v Elsegood [2024] NSWSC 753 – Supreme Court of NSW – Set aside statutory demand – Led by F Assaf SC, instructed by Legacy Legal

Insurance

McBeth v NSW Rural Fire Service – Supreme Court of NSW – foreign insurer's right of subrogation – Led by Anais D'Arville, instructed by John de Mestre & Co

Publications

'*Murphy v Electoral Commissioner: Between Severance and a Hard Place*' (2017) 39(3) *Sydney Law Review* 395

'*Criminal Director Liability: A Bridge Now Too Far?*' (2020) 35(2) *Australian Journal of Corporate Law* 187 (co-authored with John Colvin)

'Preliminary Discovery in International Arbitration: An Australian Perspective' (2020) *Kluwer Arbitration Blog* (co-authored with Leon Chung & Guillermo Garcia-Perrote)

'Negative Interest Rates — Could Financiers be Required to Pay Interest?' (2020) *HSF Notes* (co-authored with Patrick Lowden & Josie Essery)

'The Capacity of Executive Government to Spend Money in Australia after the *Williams Cases*' (2021, dissertation submitted to the University of Cambridge)

'Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards – Australia' (2024) *Global Arbitration Review* (co-authored by Jonathon Redwood SC and Katherine Sutton)

'International Arbitration 2024: Australia' (2024) *Chambers & Partners* (co-authored by Jonathon Redwood SC, Boxun Yin and Lucas Bastin KC)
