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#### **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 - University of Western Australia, Adjunct Senior Lecturer

current 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	9 Law Society of Western Australia, Council Member	
2018 - 2019	2019 Law Society of Western Australia, President, Young Lawyers Committee	
SELECT MATTERS		
As counsel		
Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility v Santos Ltd, 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)
		Competition law (led by R Higgins SC, C Tran and P Strickland; acting for respondent company)
Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Bekier & Others, Federal Court of Australia (NSD1082/2022) (judgment reserved)		Directors' duties (led by R Dick SC and A Lyons; acted for non-executive directors)
Australian Trades Pty Ltd & Anor v Secretary, Merits rev Department of Customer Service (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ongoing)		Merits review (unled; acting for Secretary)
Emmett v Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service Limited; Henderson v Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service Limited, 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)
Kelly v Minister for the Environment and Water, Federal Court of Australia (NSD462/2024) (discontinued)		Interlocutory injunction concerning reburial of Aboriginal remains (led by K Richardson SC; acted for Minister)

Breach of contract (unled; acted for plaintiff)

Ravula Enterprises Pty Ltd v World Burger Pty Ltd,

Local Court (2023/00296544)



## As a solicitor

Commissioner of State Revenue v Rojoda Pty Ltd Declaration of trust over dutiable partnership (2020) 268 CLR 281; [2020] HCA 7 property (as solicitor advocate, led by Solicitor General of Western Australia, J Thomson SC; commenced LLM prior to appeal hearing) Commissioner of State Revenue v Placer Dome Inc. Stamp duty assessment of gold mine (instructing N (2018) 265 CLR 585; [2018] HCA 59 Hutley SC and B Jones) Sprlyan v Wyborn [2019] WASC 227 Conviction appeal (as solicitor advocate, unled) Briggs v Houlihan [2018] WASC 301 Sentencing appeal (as solicitor advocate, unled) *Inquest into the death of AMC* (2019) Coronial inquest (as solicitor advocate, unled) Pym v Richardson [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)

'Greenwashing and climate change litigation', ASIC and the ACCC (22 November 2022)

'What does COP26 mean for the energy transition?', Australian Institute of Energy (27 October 2021)