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ADMISSION TO BAR

2014 – Ludlows award for top of bar exams (aeq.)

EDUCATION

2012 – BCL (Distinction) and top of course, University of Oxford

Vinerian Scholarship for best performance in the BCL (equivalent of Masters in Law)

1st place in Civil Procedure (Clifford Chance Prize)

1st place in Criminal Justice and Human Rights (Faculty Prize)

Faculty of Law Linklaters Scholarship

JB Watt Postgraduate Travelling Scholarship to Oxford

2009 – LLB (Hons I), University of Sydney

3rd in graduating class (Nancy Gordon Smith Prize)

1st place in final year exams (John George Dalley Prize 1A)

1st place in Evidence (Monahan Prize)

2007 – BA (Hons I), University of Sydney

University of Sydney Beauchamp Literary Prize

University of Sydney Honours Scholarship

Dean's List of Academic Excellence (top 20 in faculty)

AFUW (NSW) Jamieson Award

AFUW (NSW) Prize for Essays in English II

Josiah Symon Scholarship No I for 1st place in English I

Walter Reid Book Prize

Chancellor's Award (undergraduate scholarship)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2020 – 2025 – Doyle's Guide: Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution

2022 – 2023, 2025 – Doyle's Guide: Professional Indemnity Insurance

2023 – Doyle's Guide: Class Actions (Australia)

2023 – 2024 – Legal 500: Tier 3 Leading Junior in Commercial Disputes

2026 – Best Lawyers: Litigation, Insurance

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2011 – 2014 – Solicitor, King and Wood Mallesons (Sydney) – Dispute Resolution

2010 – Associate to the Hon. Susan Kiefel AC KC, High Court of Australia

SELECTED MATTERS

COMMERCIAL

Shareholder class action. *Crowley v Worley Limited* (FCAFC appeal, March 2025, reserved) (Led by Walker SC and Redwood SC)

Contract; real property. *CEHP v RSL NSW* [2025] NSWSC 416 (Led by Barnett SC; with speaking role)

	<p>Discovery. <i>VE Property v Sydney Water</i> (2025, NSWSC, Brereton J, unrep) (unled)</p> <p>Summary dismissal. <i>Kitoko v University of Technology Sydney</i> [2025] FCA 915 (unled) and [2021] FCA 360 (unled)</p> <p>Confidentiality. <i>In the matter of Skytraders Pty Ltd (No 2)</i> [2024] NSWSC 1039 (unled)</p> <p>Oppression – Security for costs. <i>In the matter of Skytraders Pty Ltd</i> [2024] NSWSC 984 (Led by Hodge KC)</p> <p>Discovery. <i>AFTA v Gallagher</i> (2023, NSWSC, Black J, unrep) (unled)</p> <p>Fair Work Act. <i>Qantas v TWU</i> (2022) 402 ALR 1 (Led by Walker SC)</p> <p>Contract. Private expert determination (2022) (Led by Hodge KC)</p> <p>International Arbitration Act, proof of foreign law. <i>Instagram, Inc v Dialogue Consulting Pty Ltd</i> (2022) 291 FCR 240; first instance (2020) 291 FCR 155; injunctive relief [2021] FCA 1322 (Led by Bannon SC)</p> <p>Contract. <i>Chevron (TAPL) Pty Ltd v Pilbara Iron Company (Services) Pty Ltd</i> [2021] WASCA 193 (Led by Hutley SC)</p> <p>Urgent injunction, Corporations Act. <i>Veolia Environnement SA v Suez Australia Holding Pty Ltd</i> (2021) 150 ACSR 114 (Led by Brereton SC)</p> <p>Subpoena; privilege. <i>Duma v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd</i> [2021] FCA 119 and [2020] FCA 1792 (Led by Owens SC)</p> <p>Rugby AU Tribunal hearing in the matter of Israel Folau (2019) (Led by Gleeson SC)</p> <p>Security for costs. <i>Anderson v Patersons Securities Ltd</i> [2019] NSWSC 852 (unled)</p> <p>Contract. <i>Haines Bros Earthmoving v ACCC Excavations</i> (2019, Local Court) (unled)</p> <p>Urgent injunction (franchising). <i>Just Better Care Australia Pty Ltd v Just Better Care Canberra Pty Ltd</i> [2018] FCA 114; joinder [2018] FCA 452 (Led by Giles SC)</p> <p>Corporations Act. <i>McBain v Bellamy's Pty Ltd</i> [2018] NSWSC 1152 (Led by Kirk SC)</p> <p>Constitutional law. <i>AIC v Elstone Pty Ltd</i> (2018) FCR 470 (Led by Higgins SC)</p> <p>Contract, dedication of road. <i>Pier 26 Pty Ltd v GL Invest. Co</i> (2018, Local Court) (unled)</p> <p>PPSA. <i>Forge Group Power Pty Ltd (in liq) v GEII</i> (2016) 305 FLR 101 (Led by Giles SC)</p> <p>Procedural fairness. <i>Royal Guardian Mortgage Management v Nguyen</i> (2016) 332 ALR 128 (Led by Blackburn SC)</p> <p>Issue of subpoena to foreign entity. <i>Ceramic Fuel Cells Limited (in liq) v McGraw-Hill Financial, Inc</i> (2016) 112 ACSR 102 (Led by Withers)</p> <p>ACL. <i>Sydney Medical Service Co-operative Ltd v Lakemba Medical Services Pty Ltd</i> [2016] FCA 763 (unled). Subsequent contempt proceeding: [2016] FCA 1188 (unled)</p> <p>Insolvency. <i>Re Keneally (as administrator of Australian Blue Mountain International Cultural & Tourism Group Pty Ltd (admin appt))</i> (2015) 107 ACSR 172 (Led by Sulan)</p> <p>Equity – estoppel. <i>Wantagong Farms v Bulle</i> [2015] NSWSC 1603 (Led by Brereton SC)</p>
REGULATORY (ACCC, ASIC, AUSTRAC)	<p>Supermarkets inquiry. Representing Woolworths executives (2024, led by Higgins SC)</p> <p>ACCC s 155 examinations. Conducting examinations for the ACCC (2024, 2025, unled)</p> <p>Unfair contract terms. <i>ASIC v Auto & General Insurance Company Ltd</i> [2025] FCAFC 76 (Led by Hutley SC); also at first instance [2024] FCA 272 (Led by McHugh SC)</p> <p>Resale price maintenance. <i>ACCC v B&K Holdings</i> [2021] FCA 260 (Led by Free SC)</p>

	<p>Penalty – AML/CTF Act. <i>AUSTRAC v Westpac</i> (2020) 148 ACSR 247 (Led by Sheahan KC and Higgins SC)</p> <p>ASIC Examinations. Appeared for examinees from the banking sector (2020, unled)</p> <p>ACL. <i>ACCC v Woolworths Group Limited</i> [2019] FCA 1039 (Led by Moore SC)</p> <p>ASIC Examinations. Appeared for banking sector CEO (2019) (Led by Dick SC)</p> <p>ACL. <i>ACCC v bet365</i> [2015] FCA 1007 and [2016] FCA 698 (Led by Moore SC)</p>
REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDINGS	<p>Interlocutory. <i>Whittome v Woolworths Ltd</i> [2025] FCA 1015 (led by Higgins SC)</p> <p>Interlocutory - declassing. <i>Meredith v State of NSW</i> [2023] NSWSC 1546 (leading C Langford)</p> <p>Personal injury - settlement approval. <i>Bouchere v Car Festivals Pty Ltd</i> [2022] FCA 1070 (unled)</p> <p>Corporations (ongoing). <i>Matheson Property Group Pty Ltd (Trustee) v Virgin Australia Holdings Limited</i>, e.g. [2022] FCA 1243 & [2023] FCA 899</p> <p>Loans – settlement approval. <i>Gray v Cash Converters International Limited (No 2)</i> [2015] FCA 1109 (Led by Coleman SC)</p>
INSURANCE	<p>Liability insurance – defence costs. <i>Newcastle Resources Pty Ltd v Certain Underwriters at Lloyds</i> [2022] NSWSC 1485 (Led by Donaldson SC)</p> <p>Liability insurance – exclusion clause. <i>QBE v NTI Limited</i> [2022] NSWSC 1273; 102 MVR 12 (Led by Donaldson SC)</p> <p>Liability insurance. <i>CIMIC Group Ltd v AIG</i> [2022] NSWSC 999 (Led by Donaldson SC)</p> <p>Insurance – Opal Tower. <i>QBE Underwriting Ltd v Icon (Co) NSW Pty Ltd</i> (2021) 396 ALR 193 and at first instance: [2020] FCA 1493 (Led by Donaldson SC)</p>
COMMON LAW	<p>Lifting of stay. <i>Tester v Trueman</i> [2025] FCA 445 (Led by McInerney SC)</p> <p>Leave to appeal, competency. <i>Papoutsakis v Scanlan</i> [2024] NSWCA 246 (unled)</p> <p>Summary dismissal. <i>Papoutsakis v Scanlan</i> [2024] NSWSC 562 (unled)</p> <p>Leave to appeal. <i>Singh v Hicks</i> [2021] NSWCA 80 (unled)</p> <p>Leave to appeal; privilege. <i>H v Commissioner of Police</i> [2020] NSWCA 184 (unled)</p> <p>Transfer. <i>Tester v Trueman</i> [2020] NSWSC 756 (unled)</p> <p>Contract. <i>Moisson Lawyers Pty Ltd v Thomas</i> (2020, NSWSC, unrep, Wilson J) (unled)</p> <p>Wrongful birth. <i>Cohen v Sacks</i>. Various, e.g. [2021] NSWCA 88 (Led by Windsor SC)</p> <p>Medical negligence. <i>Moore v Hillier</i>, 2021, NSWSC, settled at hearing (Led by Chen SC)</p> <p>Medical negligence. <i>West v Rane</i> [2019] FCA 2195 and <i>West v Rane (No 2)</i> [2020] FCA 16 (Led by Chen SC)</p> <p>Civil Liability Act. <i>Fede v Gray</i> [2019] HCASL 180 (Led by Windsor SC)</p> <p>Tort, Bail Act. <i>State of NSW v Dargin</i> [2019] NSWCA 47 (Led by Bennett QC)</p> <p>Tort. <i>Hutchinson v State of New South Wales</i> [2019] HCASL 296; also appeal ([2019] NSWCA 91); trial (District Court, unrep, 2018) (Led by Hutchings)</p> <p>Professional discipline. <i>Davison v LPAB</i> [2019] NSWSC 959 (Led by Richardson SC)</p> <p>Tort. <i>State of NSW v Thomlinson</i> (2018) NSWLR 315 (Led by Marshall SC)</p>

	<p>Tort. <i>Sandrin v State of NSW</i> (unrep, 2017, District Court, 3 days, unled)</p> <p>Tort. <i>Chen v State of NSW (No 2)</i> [2016] NSWCA 292 (Led by Windsor SC)</p> <p>Negligence. <i>Cam & Bear Pty Ltd v McGoldrick</i> [2016] NSWSC 1894 (Led by Horvath)</p>
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	<p>Judicial review. <i>MGPA Inc v Santos</i> [2025] FCA 1526 (Led by Whittaker SC)</p>
HIGH COURT	<p>Fair Work Act. <i>Qantas v TWU</i> [2023] HCA 27; special leave [2022] HCATrans 205 (Led by Gleeson SC)</p> <p>Foreign state immunity. <i>Firebird Global Master Fund II v Republic of Nauru</i> (2015) 326 ALR 396. Also, special leave ([2015] HCATrans 15); appeal ((2014) 89 NSWLR 477); stay ([2014] NSWCA 375); trial ([2014] NSWSC 1358) (Led by Dick SC)</p> <p>Competition. <i>Australian Competition Tribunal v Port of Newcastle</i> [2018] HCATrans 55 (Led by R Higgins SC). Also (2017) 346 ALR 669 below (Led by Hutley SC)</p>
BAR ASSOCIATION	<p>Councillor, NSW Bar Association: November 2024 – present</p> <p>Professional Conduct Committee #1: July 2022 – present</p>
LAW REPORTING	<p>Assistant Editor, New South Wales Law Reports: April 2024 – present</p> <p>Reporter, New South Wales Law Reports: January 2013 – December 2022 (10 years)</p>
BOOKS	<p>Zuckerman, Wilkins, Adamopoulos, Vial, Hooper, Oreb & Jago, <i>Zuckerman on Australian Civil Procedure</i> (1st ed – 2018; 2nd ed – 2023)</p>
PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (SELECTED)	<p>Chen & Oreb, 'The High Court decision in <i>Bird v DP (A Pseudonym)</i>: Where are we at with Employment, Quasi-Employment and Vicarious Liability in Australia?' (2025) 30 <i>Torts Law Journal</i> 1-26</p> <p>Oreb, 'Case comment: The Legality of Kettling after <i>Austin</i>' (2013) 76(4) <i>Modern Law Review</i> 735–742</p> <p>Oreb, 'Betting Across Borders: <i>Betfair Pty Limited v Western Australia</i>' (2009) 31(4) <i>Sydney Law Review</i> 607–619</p>
UNIVERSITY DEBATING	<p>World Universities Debating Championships 2009: Best Speaker (out of 600 speakers)</p> <p>Australasian Universities Debating Championships 2008: Best Speaker, Best Speaker in Grand Final, Winner</p>