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## ADMISSIONS

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| <b>2025</b> | <b>Barrister</b> , New South Wales Bar              |
| <b>2020</b> | <b>Solicitor</b> , Supreme Court of New South Wales |

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## ACADEMIC

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| <b>2018</b> | <b>Master of Philosophy in Law</b> , University of Oxford                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>2016</b> | <b>Juris Doctor</b> , University of Melbourne<br>Graduated Second in Class<br>Melbourne Global Scholars Award (2015)<br>The John and Alison Kearney Overseas Scholarship (2015)<br><br><b>Bachelor of Civil Law</b> , University of Oxford<br>Allan Myers Oxford University Scholarship |
| <b>2012</b> | <b>Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy and Germanic Studies)</b> , University of Sydney<br>Austrian Embassy Prize (2010)                                                                                                                                                                       |

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## EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Since 2025</b>  | <b>Banco Chambers</b> , Barrister<br>Peteris Ginters prize for the top score in the Bar Exam for Ethics                  |
| <b>2023 – 2025</b> | <b>Corrs Chambers Westgarth</b><br>Senior Associate (2025)<br>Associate (2023 – 2025)                                    |
| <b>2021 – 2023</b> | <b>Federal Court of Australia</b><br>Research Associate (2023)<br>Associate to the Hon Justice A M Stewart (2021 – 2023) |
| <b>2020</b>        | <b>Norton White</b> , Graduate-at-Law                                                                                    |
| <b>2019</b>        | <b>University of New South Wales</b> , Teaching Fellow (Equity & Trusts; Administrative Law)                             |
| <b>2015</b>        | <b>King &amp; Wood Mallesons</b> , Seasonal Clerk (Taxation)                                                             |

## SELECT MATTERS

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### Unled

**Smith v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship & Anor**

Federal Court of Australia proceedings NSD 2220/2025

Judicial review of decision of ART affirming decision of delegate to refuse revocation of mandatory visa cancellation on character grounds

Pro bono direct access

**Benjamin Hornigold Ltd v John Bridgeman Ltd (Non-party costs order) [2025] FCA 1682**

Application for lump sum costs against a non-party

Instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

**Finance@Work Pty Ltd v Russo**

Local Court of New South Wales proceedings 2025/44531

Claim to enforce guarantee and indemnity; application to set aside default judgment

Instructed by Dettmann Phair

**Various matters for Transurban Ltd**

Local Court of New South Wales

Claims for statutory debts against vehicle owners for use of toll roads

Instructed by BBW Lawyers

### Appellate

**Taxi Apps Pty Ltd v Uber Technologies Inc & Ors**

Victorian Court of Appeal proceedings S EAPCI 2026/3

Unlawful means conspiracy; whether members of the same corporate group can conspire; whether criminal conduct constitutes unlawful means for the purposes of the tort

Led by B Walker SC and P Kulevski, with J Donnelly; instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

**Fraser and Henry (as liquidators of Tahmoor Coal Pty Ltd) v Glencore Coal Pty Ltd**

NSW Court of Appeal proceedings 2026/322890

Proper construction of “unprofitable” in s 568(1A) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth); relevant considerations in respect of leave to disclaim a contract that is not “unprofitable”

Led by P Crutchfield KC; instructed by Ashurst Perkins Coie

### Administrative Law

**Chan v Secretary, Department of Social Services**

Federal Court of Australia proceedings NSD 656/2026

Appeal on a question of law from second review of ART of a decision under the *Social Security Act 1991* (Cth) refusing a claim for disability support pension

Led by S Hartford-Davis; pro bono direct access

### Commercial, Contract and Equity

**Mayne Pharma Group Ltd v Cosette Pharmaceuticals Inc & Ors**

Supreme Court of NSW (Corporations List) proceedings 2026/68908

Alleged breach of a scheme implementation deed by bidder, tortious interference, causing loss by unlawful means and misleading and deceptive conduct; where company seeks damages as alleged trustee on behalf of shareholders

Led by V Whittaker SC, A Hochroth SC, P Strickland, C Mitchell and J Hudson; instructed by Quinn Emanuel

**KTC v David & Ors; Re.Group Pty Ltd & Anor v Kazal & Anor**

Federal Court of Australia proceedings NSD 2080/2016 and NSD 555/2019

Accessorial and recipient liability under *Barnes v Addy* arising out of a joint venture; infringement of copyright and injurious falsehood

Led by D Sulan SC and R Jedrzejczyk; instructed by Ashurst

**River X Financial Services Pty Ltd & Ors v Garofali & Ors**

Supreme Court of NSW (Equity General) proceedings 2025/400286

Breach of confidence; restraint of trade; urgent application for injunctive relief to restrain breaches of confidence

Led by J Jaffray; instructed by Cornwalls

**Litigation Capital Partners Pte Ltd v ACN 117 641 004 Pty Ltd (in liq) & Ors**

Supreme Court of Western Australia proceedings CIV 1528/2020

Application by litigation funder for curative relief in relation to entry by a class action group member into a funding agreement; cross-claims by trustee group member and beneficiary of trust against litigation funder and liquidators seeking restitution of funding commission disbursed pursuant to court orders, and for inducing liquidators to cause company to breach trust

Led by S Hartford-Davis; instructed by Cornwalls

**Hilton Bradley Lawyers Pty Ltd v Vincent Joseph Pirina**

Supreme Court of NSW (Commercial List) proceedings 2025/339980

Personal liability of liquidator in debt, alternatively under a quantum meruit, for legal costs; alleged solicitor's lien over settlement funds obtained by company in liquidation

Led by R Pietriche; instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

***In the matter of Mayne Pharma Group Ltd [2025] NSWSC 1204*** (Corporations List)

Alleged termination of a Scheme Implementation Deed by bidder for material adverse change and misrepresentation

Led by E Collins SC, M Hodge KC, M Ellicott, B Hancock, S Spiers, E O'Connor Jardine and C Beshara; instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

**Corporations and  
Insolvency**

**FSM Development Pty Ltd (in liq) & Ors v Ray White Capital Pty Ltd & Ors**

Federal Court of Australia proceedings NSD 551/2026

Alleged breaches of directors' duties by entry into a refinance of a loan; alleged accessorial liability of member of lending syndicate

Led by D Sulan SC and S Scott; instructed by William James Law

**McCorkell & Associates Pty Ltd (in liq) & Anor v McCorkell & Ors**

Federal Court of Australia proceedings NSD 1752/2024

Alleged breaches of directors' duties and accessorial liability of professional advisors in relation to an alleged unlawful phoenixing transaction

Led by G Keesing; instructed by Webb Henderson

**Benjamin Hornigold Ltd v John Bridgeman Ltd & Ors**

Federal Court of Australia proceedings NSD 967/2023

Breaches of directors' duties in relation to various loans advanced by a listed investment company to its investment manager and controlled entities; liability of AFSL holder

Led by J Hynes; instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

***In the matter of Tahmoor Coal Pty Ltd (in liq) [2026] NSWSC 773*** (Corporations List)

Application by liquidator seeking to disclaim a royalty deed as unprofitable or with leave

Led by R Scruby SC and R May; instructed by Ashurst

***Kelly, in the matter of Liberty Bell Bay (Administrators Appointed) [2026] FCA 654***

Administrators' application for judicial advice and orders limiting personal liability in relation to employee stand down and environmental liabilities

Led by A Hochroth SC; instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

**Family Law**

**Minke & Minke**

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) proceedings SYC 9122/2022

Major complex financial proceeding under s 79 of the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth)

Led by M Kearney SC and L Reid; instructed by Walter & Elliott Family Lawyers

**Insurance**

**CBP Contractors Pty Ltd & Ors v Liberty Mutual Insurance Company & Ors**

Supreme Court of NSW (Technology & Construction List) proceedings 2025/441849

Liability of insurers under a project specific professional indemnity policy

Led by M Jones SC and M Hall; instructed by Colin Biggers & Paisley