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PROFESSIONAL

Since 2018	Barrister , Banco Chambers
2012 - 2018	Solicitor , Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers (Litigation and Dispute Resolution)
2011 - 2012	Associate to the Hon Robert French, Chief Justice of Australia , High Court of Australia
2009 - 2012	Lecturer , Australian National University (Commercial Law, Law of Business Entities, Administrative Law)

CORE PRACTICE AREAS

Appellate	Corporations & Insolvency
Banking & Financial Services	Insurance & Reinsurance
Building, Construction & Infrastructure	International law & Arbitration
Class Actions	Mining, Resources & Energy
Commercial & Contract Law	Professional Liability & Negligence
Competition & Consumer Law	Property & Equity

QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Laws, New York University

John Monash Scholarship, Hauser Global Scholarship

First place in: Quantitative Methods in Evidence; Regulation of Foreign Corrupt Practices; Financial Instruments and the Capital Markets

Dissertation awarded best graduate paper on dispute resolution, USA & Canada

Bachelor of Laws, Australian National University

First in Law with First Class Honours

Prizes and scholarships: First Place in Honours in Law; First Place in Final Year Law; First Place in Penultimate Year Law; First Place in Property, Equity & Trusts; First Place in Administrative Law; First Place in Constitutional Law; Australian

National Undergraduate Scholarship; ANU Honours Scholarship; Australian Military Law and Justice Centre Research Scholarship (Constitutional Law)

Bachelor of Economics, Australian National University

Prizes and scholarships: Chancellor's Commendation for outstanding performance in economics; Chancellor's Commendation for outstanding performance in commerce; Award for most outstanding achievement in first year actuarial studies; Australian National Undergraduate Scholarship

SAMPLE CASE LIST

Unled

McCorkell & Associates Pty Ltd (in liq) v McCorkell & Ors, FCA, NSD1752/2024 (leading Geoff Zhu) – restructuring & insolvency, corporations, commercial

Equity Site Holdings Pty Ltd v Equity Site Holdings Trust v Bartier Perry Pty Ltd [2026] NSWSC 598 – building & construction, negligence, privilege, suppression

Siabon Seet v NA NA [2025] NSWSC 759 – commercial, evidence on commission

Godla v State of NSW [2022] NSWCA 193 – appellate, public law, judicial review

Lavigne v Garrett & Unsworth Legal, NSWSC, 2022/00198862 (leading Brandon Smith) – contract, property, professional liability, commercial law

DKG v Commissioner of Police & Anor [2023] NSWCA 46 – appellate, public law, judicial review, appeal against conviction

Bec v Singtel Optus Pty Limited, NSWSC, 2023/00061836 – contract, consumer law, privacy

Lavigne v Garrett & Unsworth Legal [2023] NSWSC1383 – property, professional malpractice, evidence

Alexakis v Mavrakis (t/as Mavrakis & Associates), NSWSC, 2021/00309859 – contract, property professional liability, commercial law

A-Mart All Sports Pty Ltd v Kiem Dang Investments Pty Ltd & Ors, NSWSC, 2021/00098893 – contract, leasing, building & construction, negligence

Transport for New South Wales v Boensch & Anor [2023] NSWSC 1200 – property, trespass

Asbestos Audit Pty Ltd v Kiem Dang & Ors, NSWSC, 2022/00240505 – commercial law, contract, debt, building & construction

Sinclair Recruitment Pty Ltd v Telstra Corporation Limited, NSWSC, 2019/307812 – contract, restitution, commercial law

T Pty Ltd v Curnow, NSWSC, 2019/27758 – equity, restitution, fraud

Cedrus Investments Ltd v Abidin, NSWSC, 2017/230605 – commercial law, contract, foreign judgments, debt

Big Money World Pty Ltd v Red Hair Entertainment Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2018/00332913 – property law, consumer law, contract

South Street Properties Pty Ltd v CW Leasing Services Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2019/00373635 – property, equity, contract, misleading or deceptive conduct, estoppel, specific performance

Transport for NSW v Boensch (No 3) [2024] NSWSC 112 – property law, costs

Inquest into the death of Mitchell Flood-Smith, Coroner's Court, 2017/228552 – coronial inquest

Transport for NSW v Boensch (No 2) [2023] NSWSC 1354 – negligence, property law, summary dismissal

Bolga v Northern Territory of Australia, NTLC (Katherine), 2021-00257-LC (leading Erasmus Lovell-Jones) – battery, malicious prosecution, misfeasance in public officer

HSDCTLVMB Pty Ltd v Brown Wright Stein, NSWDC, 2022/00388090 – commercial law, professional liability, personal property securities law

Manausakis v National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2018/0791 – public law, administrative review

Salem & Ors t/as Sparke Helmore v Nick Scali Limited, NSWSC, 2020/00121300 – debt, professional liability, contract, equity

Joliani v Abidin, NSWSC, 2019/00203708 – property, commercial

Knight v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2022/00046088 – tort, causation, damages

Nottle and National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2019/6488 – public law, administrative review

Yassin v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2019/00120671 – assault and battery, negligence, civil liability

Preston v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2020/00214354 – tort

WHRX and National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2018/3038 – public law, administrative review

Gabriel v Commissioner of Police, NSWLC – property, taxation, tracing

Fahmy v State of NSW, NSWDC 2022/240956 – tort, police powers

Dawson v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2020/00071273 – tort, *Markus* direction

Tibbett v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2020/00098493 – tort

Abou-Chabake v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2020/00174492 – malicious prosecution, trespass to goods, assault and battery

Gibbs v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2020/00364038 – false imprisonment, assault and battery

TYKL and National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2019/0104 – public law, administrative review

Toth v State of New South Wales [2022] NSWDC 263 – malicious prosecution, intentional torts

South Coast People and Attorney General of NSW, FCA, NSD1331/2017 – native title

McLaughlin v State of New South Wales [2023] NSWDC 525– false imprisonment, assault, battery, damages

Wilcox v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2020/353621 – intentional torts

Anastasis v NSW Trustee and Guardian, NSWLC, 2017/00146754 – bailment, conversion, contract, negligence

McLaughlin v State of New South Wales (No. 2) [2023] NSWDC 557 – costs

Al-Alam v Commissioner of Police, NSWLC – property, taxation, tracing

Led - Appellate

Stillwater Pastoral Company Pty Limited v Stanwell Corporation Limited & Anor, FFCA, QUD129/2025 (led by Justin Gleeson SC and Tim Breakspear SC, leading Blake O'Connor and Anna Elizabeth) – competition, class actions, energy & infrastructure

BK v State of NSW [2026] NSWCA 6 (led by Sue Chrysanthou SC) – evidence

The Commonwealth of Australia v Sanofi & Ors (2024) CLR 30 (led by Justin Gleeson SC and Fiona Roughley SC, with Megan Caristo) – commercial, evidence, undertaking as to damages

TX Australia Pty Limited v Australian Competition and Consumer Commission [2021] FCAFC 113 (led by Nicholas De Young SC) – competition, public law, judicial review, broadcasting services, medial law

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Woolworths Group Limited [2020] FCAFC 162 (led by Cameron Moore SC) – consumer law, misleading and deceptive conduct, statutory construction

Almona Pty Ltd v Parklea Corporation Pty Ltd, HCA, S128/2021 (led by Noel Hutley SC and Elliot Hyde) – special leave, equity, property, fraud

Almona Pty Ltd v Parklea Corporation Pty Ltd [2021] NSWCA 171 (led by Noel Hutley SC and Elliot Hyde) – property, equity, trusts, contract, costs

Parkin v Boral Limited (Class Closure) [2022] FCAFC 47 (led by Cameron Moore SC and Fiona Roughley) – class actions, class closure, court powers

Ali v Insurance Australia Limited [2022] NSWCA 174 (led by Anne Horvath) – property, insurance, contract, fraud

Toth v State of New South Wales [2023] NSWCA 206 (led by Stephen Free SC) – evidence, apprehended bias, court powers

Hands v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection [2018] FCAFC 225 (led by Frances Gordon) – administrative law, migration

Pratten v State of New South Wales [2019] NSWCA 124 (led by Matthew Hutchings) – torts, civil liability, police powers

Landpower Australia Pty Ltd v Penske Power Systems Pty Ltd [2019] NSWCA 161 (led by Anne Horvath) – summary disposal, apportionment, civil procedure

John XIII College v SMA [2022] ACTCA 32 (led by Michael Windsor SC) – evidence, negligence

Coffs Harbour City Council v Polglase [2020] NSWCA 265 (led by Matthew Hutchings) – duty of care, personal injury, occupiers' liability

State of New South Wales v Shepherd [2019] NSWCA 261 (led by Lachlan Gyles SC) – evidence, failure to give reasons, civil liability, torts

State of New South Wales v Dargin [2019] NSWCA 47 (led by David Bennett QC, Matthew Hutchings and Naomi Oreb) – tort, statutory construction, police powers

Led - First instance

IFS Australia Pty Limited v Sodexo Remote Sites Australia Pty Limited, NSWSC, 2025/00226619 (led by Peter Wallis KC, leading Maria Mellos) – contract, commercial, intellectual property

Carnival plc v Ernest van Buuren & Ors, NSWSC, 2025/00481347 (led by Anne Horvath SC) – contract, equity, consumer law, commercial

Commercial arbitration before the Hon R McDougall KC, Mr J Rowland KC and Sir V Ramsey KC (appearing variously unled and led by Richard McHugh SC, Tim Breakspear SC and Robert Dick SC, Adam Rollnik and Timothy Boyle also appearing) – AUD\$500 million ICC arbitration in relation to a large LNG project

Our Jim & Felicja Superfund Pty Ltd (ACN 600 222 740) as trustee for the Jim & Felicja Superannuation Fund v Lindenfels Pte Ltd [2026] FCA 307 (led by David Sulan SC, leading Brandon Smith) – commercial law, shareholder oppression, corporations, contract, directors' duties

Febe Holdings Pty Limited & Ors v Enovis Surgical Australia Pty Limited NSWSC 2025/226282 (led by Declan Roche SC) – commercial law, contract

Jordana Michael & Ors v John Lloyd t/as John Lloyd & Co, NSWSC, 2021/00149462 (led by Anne Horvaath SC) – property, succession, professional malpractice

Shaw & Ors v Ash St Holdings & Anor, NSWSC, 2025/00230168 (led by David Sulan SC) – commercial law, governance, shareholder oppression

ACCC v Meta Platforms Inc & Ors [2023] FCA 842 (led by Robert Yezerski) – consumer law, privacy, regulatory proceedings

Robertson & Anor v Singtel Optus Pty Limited & Ors, FCA, VID256/2023 (led by Cameron Moore SC, Kate Richardson SC and Emma Bathurst also appearing) – contract, consumer law, privacy

Duman v the Commonwealth, HCA, M36/2020 (led by Ron Merkel QC and Christopher Tran) – constitutional law, citizenship

Anchorage Capital Master Offshore Ltd v Sparkes (No 3) [2021] NSWSC 1025 (led by Robert Dick SC and David Sulan) – insolvency, corporations, professional liability, contract, consumer law, directors' duties, banking & financial services

TX Australia Pty Limited v Australian Competition and Consumer Commission [2020] FCA 1100 (led by Nicholas De Young SC) – competition, public law, judicial review, broadcasting services, medial law

Commercial arbitration before the Hon R McDougall KC (led by Richard McHugh SC and Tim Breakspear) – contract, building and construction, remedies

In the Matter of Northern Energy Corporation Ltd (Administrators appointed) and Colton Coal Pty Ltd (Administrators appointed), FCA, 2058/2018 (led by Jeremy Giles SC) – corporations, administration and insolvency

CJMCG Pty Ltd as trustee for the CJMCG Superannuation Fund v Boral Ltd, FCA, NSD340/2020 (Cameron Moore SC and Fiona Roughley) – class actions, consumer law, corporations law

New Hope Corporation Limited v Northern Energy Corporation Limited (administrators appointed) [2019] NSWSC 879 (led by Jeremy Giles SC, Noel Hutley SC and Fiona Roughley also appearing) – commercial law, contract, rectification, representative proceedings

Bachy Soletanche Australia Pty Ltd v Transport for NSW, NSWSC, 2021/00097052 (led by Tim Breakspear) – contract, building & construction, debt

Bank of Communications Co Ltd v Sparkes [2021] NSWSC 1025 (led by Robert Dick SC and David Sulan) – professional liability, consumer law, directors’ duties, insolvency, banking & financial services

In the matter of TDE Pty Ltd ACN 608 621 263, NSWSC, 2019/392777 (led by Nicholas Bender SC) – commercial law, corporations, directors’ duties, shareholder oppression

TIC Realty Pty Ltd v The Australian Broadcasting Corporation, FCA, NSD884/2020 (led by Clarissa Amato) – injurious falsehood, financial services, media law

Redlands Plains Pty Ltd atf the Majestic Investment Trust v Condamine Resources Ltd, FCA, NSD109/2019 (led by David Sulan) – corporations, shareholder oppression

Commercial arbitration before the Hon PA Bergin SC (led by Nuala Simpson) – contract, building and construction, specific performance

Cao v Apollo Phoenix Resources Pty Ltd, FCA, 1037/2018 (led by Andrew Coleman SC) – corporations, shareholder oppression, contract

Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church v Insurance Australia Ltd [2023] NSWSC 1284 (led by R Cheney SC) – insurance, contract, civil procedure

In the matter of A.C.N. 004 410 833 Limited (formerly Arrium Limited) (in liquidation) ACN 004 410 833, NSWSC, 00209100/2019 (led by Robert Dick SC and David Sulan) – insolvent trading, directors’ duties, professional liability

Bachy Soletanche Australia Pty Ltd v Transport for NSW, NSWSC, 2021/00144479 (led by Tim Breakspear) – contract, building & construction, separate question

Manly Property Holdings Pty Ltd v Bank of Queensland, NSWSC, 2017/286834 (led by Michael Izzo SC) – mistaken payments, restitution, contract

Parkin v Boral Ltd, FCA, NSD602/2020 (led by Cameron Moore SC and Fiona Roughley) – class actions, consumer law, corporations law

DQM19 v Minister for Home Affairs, FCA, NSD1527/2019 (led by Anne Horvath) – negligence, professional liability, immigration

Kohkanzada v State of NSW, NSWSC, 2018/00036140 (led by Naomi Oreb) – malicious prosecution, tort

Hemphill v Peter McCrohon trading in his capacity as trustee of the funds held in St George Bank controlled monies account numbered 554170394, NSWSC, 2017/388038 (led by Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts, commercial

Super Vision Resources Ltd v Xu, NSWSC, 2017/364476 (led by Robert Newlinds SC) – equity, freezing order, voidable transactions

City West Housing Pty Ltd v AJ Lucas Operations Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2016/269844 (led by Frank Hicks SC) – building & construction, contract, professional negligence

Jarvin v Roads and Maritime Services, NSWLEC, 2019/00197777 (led by Kate Richardson SC) – contract, planning, summary dismissal

Pozza v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2017/346772 (led by Michael Windsor SC) – negligence, intentional torts, personal injury

Shepherd v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2016/00202999 (led by Lachlan Gyles SC) – assault, negligence, civil liability, personal injury

Sevgin v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2020/00210507 (led by Michael Spartalis) – malicious prosecution, false imprisonment, assault and battery

New Hope Corp Ltd v Northern Energy Corporation Limited (administrators appointed) (No 2) [2019] NSWSC 952 (led by Fiona Roughley) – contracts, costs

O’Sullivan v Australian Securities & Investments Commission, AAT, 2015/0837 (led by Sera Mirzabegian) – corporations, directors’ duties, disqualification

Peters and National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2019/0906 (led by Fiona Roughley) – public law, administrative review

Colbert by her tutor Fragar v Eurolinx Pty Limited as trustee for the Audax Superannuation Fund, NSWSC, 2015/193119 (led by Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts, succession, breach of contract

Hutchinson v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2018/00348576 (led by Matthew Hutchings) – intentional torts, police powers, personal injury

Martini Family Investments Pty Ltd ATF Martini Family Investments Super Fund v Boral Ltd, FCA, NSD935/2020 (led by Cameron Moore SC and Fiona Roughley) – class actions, consumer law, corporations law

Colbert by her tutor Fragar v Eurolinx Pty Ltd as trustee for the Colbert Security Trust, NSWSC, NSWSC, 2014/203375 (led by Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts, succession

Dargin v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2017/140382 (led by Matthew Hutchings) – trespass, nuisance, bail, civil liability

Alam v Giampietro t/as Legal & Company Solicitor, NSWDC, 2017/61840 (led by Anne Horvath) – professional liability, contract, estoppel

Moka Nominees Pty Ltd atf the Mika Colbert Security Trust v Eurolinx Pty Ltd atf the Colbert Security Trust, NSWSC, 2014/215448 (led by Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts

Breed v Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2013/00198101 (led by John Catsanos SC) – negligence, insurance, personal injury

BSA Ltd and Innovation and Science Australia, AAT, 2017/6765 (led by Stephen Free SC) – tax, commercial law, public law

Bridge v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2018/00343302 (led by Matthew Hutchings) – intentional torts, police powers, civil liability

Patronis v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2014/364550 (led by Matthew Hutchings) – negligence, intentional torts, personal injury

Softbreeze Ltd v Cattle Company Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2014/210379 (led by Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts, commercial

Karimbla Constructions Services (NSW) Pty Ltd v Keller Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2018/260767 (led by James Watson) – building & construction, equity, restitution