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Qualifications

2008	Called to the New South Wales Bar
2001	Admitted as a solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales
2000	Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney
1998	Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney

Rankings

Doyles Guide: preeminent Junior Counsel for technology, media and telecommunications matters (2025)

Doyles Guide: leading Junior Counsel for technology, media and telecommunications matters (2022-2024)

World Trademark Review: ranked as leading expert, trademark litigation (2016 – 2020)

Doyles Guide: recommended Junior Counsel for technology, media, and telecommunications matters (2019 – 2021)

Selected Appearances

Defamation, Privacy & Media

Geoffrey Phillip Wade v Westpub Pty Ltd & anor Federal Court of Australia NSD1626/2024 (settled): defamation (leading N Li)

Adam Houda v Australian News Channel & ors Federal Court of Australia NSD1064/2024: defamation (led by N Owens SC)

Sommerville v Schieb; Horan v Schieb [2024] NSWDC 6: defamation

Murdoch v Private Media Pty Ltd (No 5) [2023] FCA 440: defamation (led by M Hodge KC); *Murdoch v Private Media Pty Ltd (No 4)* [2023] FCA 114 (led by M Hodge KC); *Murdoch v Private Media Pty Ltd* [2022] FCA 1275 (led by M Hodge KC)

Palmer v McGowan (No 5) [2022] FCA 893; 404 ALR 621: defamation (led by B W Walker SC); *Palmer v McGowan (No 3)* [2022] FCA 140 (led by B W Walker SC)

Facebook Inc v Australian Information Commissioner [2022] FCAFC 9; 402 ALR 445: breach of privacy

Porter v Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Federal Court of Australia NSD 206 of 2021: defamation (led by J T Gleeson SC and R Enbom KC) (settled)

Rubenstein v Wade and anor [2021] Federal Court of Australia NSD 636 of 2021: defamation (settled)

V'landys v Australian Broadcasting Corporation (No 3) [2021] FCA 500: defamation (led by A T S Dawson SC)

Hewson v TCN Channel Nine Pty Ltd [2021] FCA 389: defamation (led by TD Blackburn SC)

JWR Productions Australia Pty Ltd v Gooding; JWR Productions Australia Pty Ltd v Duncan-Watt [2020] FCA 236; 377 ALR 467; 149 IPR 400: defamation, consumer protection and intellectual property

Australian Information Commissioner v Facebook Inc (No 2) [2020] FCA 1307: breach of Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (led by K Richardson SC)

Roberts v Manning (No 2) [2020] NSWDC 525: defamation

V'landys v Australian Broadcasting Corporation (No 2) [2020] FCA 1264 (led by A T S Dawson SC): defamation

Roberts v The Manning Community News Pty Ltd [2020] NSWDC 301: defamation

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority (No 3) [2019] FCA 1488: privacy, breach of confidence, negligence

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Limited [2019] FCA 36: defamation, suppression order

Rush v Nationwide News Pty Limited (No 9) [2019] FCA 1383: defamation, final injunctive relief (led by T D Blackburn SC)

Rush v Nationwide News Pty Limited (No 8) [2019] FCA 1382: application for recusal (led by T D Blackburn SC)

Husar v BuzzFeed Inc, Federal Court of Australia NSD2254 of 2018: defamation (settled)

Sebastian Kouzoukas v Federico Dordoni and Hugo's Manly NSWDC 284618 of 2018: defamation (settled)

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority [2018] HCASL 367: application for removal of cause under s40 Judiciary Act

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority (No 2) (2018) 363 ALR 681; [2018] FCA 1270: application for recusal, apprehended bias

Limontono v BuzzFeed Inc, Federal Court of Australia, NSD1916 of 2018 (settled): defamation

Domican v Pan Macmillan Australia Pty Ltd, Federal Court of Australia NSD1297 of 2018: defamation

Faruqi v Latham (No 2) [2018] FCA 1547: defamation

Jones v Williams (pseudonyms) [2018] NSWSC 954: defamation, application to extend limitation period, summary dismissal (leading A Spies)

Kelliher v Kambala [2018] NSWSC 101: defamation (led by A T S Dawson SC)

Rush v Nationwide News Pty Ltd (No 2) [2018] FCA 550: defamation, amendment, application to bring cross-claim (led by A Leopold SC)

Farrow v Nationwide News Pty Ltd (2017) 95 NSWLR 612; [2017] NSWCA 246: defamation, abuse of process (led by A T S Dawson SC)

Commercial

Xenophon v XD Law and Advocacy Pty Ltd & ors, Federal Court of Australia SAD 38 of 2024 (settled): breach of deed, misleading or deceptive conduct.

Inquiry into Greyhound Racing New South Wales (ongoing): appeared for various Greyhound New South Wales employees and persons of interest

Lian Fa International Dining Business Corporation v Mu, Federal Court of Australia NSD 1124 of 2021 (led by J Hogan Doran SC): breach of franchise agreement, trademark.

Facebook Inc v Australian Information Commissioner [2022] FCAFC 9; 402 ALR 445: breach of privacy

JWR Productions Australia Pty Ltd v Gooding; *JWR Productions Australia Pty Ltd v Duncan-Watt* [2020] FCA 236; 377 ALR 467; 149 IPR 400: consumer protection, intellectual property, defamation

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority [2020] FCAFC 219: breach of privacy, appeal.

Australian Information Commissioner v Facebook Inc (No 2) [2020] FCA 1307: breach of privacy (led by K Richardson SC)

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority (No 3) [2019] FCA 1488: privacy, breach of confidence, negligence

Baron v Gilmore (Supreme Court of New South Wales, equity division, 2015/367495 - resolved): joint venture, trademark.

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority [2018] HCASL 367: application for removal of cause under s40 Judiciary Act

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority (No 2) (2018) 363 ALR 681; [2018] FCA 1270: application for recusal, apprehended bias

Evolution Traffic Control v Skerratt [2018] NSWSC 49: consumer protection; pre-contractual representations

Kim v SW Shipping Co Ltd (2016) 113 ACSR 260; [2016] FCA 428: recognition of foreign proceedings under the Cross Border Insolvency Model Law, admiralty, maritime liens

Presentations; Memberships & Committees

Speaker, The Law Society of NSW - Specialist Accreditation Conference, Family Law Stream (August 2024)

Tutor, NSW Bar Practice Course (2017 - 2023)

UTS Law Society Student Mentoring Program (2022)

Chair, Media Law 2020, Legalwise seminars (November 2020)

Committee member, New South Wales Bar Association Professional Conduct Committee (2018 - 2020)

Speaker, Law Council of Australia, Media and Communications seminar: “*Digital Platforms: the Future*” (November 2019)

Mentor, NSW Bar Association Mentoring Program (2018)

Speaker, NSW Bar Association, “*Advocacy in Federal Court interlocutory applications*” with the Hon Justice Jagot and Vanessa Whittaker SC (2017)

Speaker, University of NSW Continuing Professional Development, Media and Defamation, “*Developments in the Protection of Privacy Interests in Australia*” (2017)

Speaker, Communications and Media Law Association, “*Defamation, confidentiality and privacy in a pre-publication context*” (2017)