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PROFILE

Nichola is an experienced commercial counsel. She appears unled in courts and tribunals throughout Australia, but is based in Sydney. She accepts briefs to advise and appear in the following areas of law:

- Commercial disputes, with a focus on commercial contract and equity and particular experience in the resources sector and matters involving complex financial transactions;
- Competition and consumer law, regulatory law and investigations;
- Corporations, insolvency and bankruptcy law;
- Tax; and
- Transport disputes, particularly admiralty and maritime law.

ADMISSIONS

- 2025** Barrister (NSW)
2015 Barrister (QLD)
2014 Solicitor (QLD)

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2017** Master of Laws (Hons I) University of Cambridge (Trinity Hall)
Commercial Designation (The Law of Restitution; Law & Economics; International Commercial Litigation; History of English Civil and Criminal Law). Bateman Scholar (Trinity Hall).
- 2013** LLB (Hons I), BEcon University of Queensland

EXPERIENCE

- 2015** Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills (Brisbane)
2014 Associate to the Hon Justice Dowsett, Federal Court of Australia

LISTINGS

Doyles Guide - Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Junior Counsel (Queensland) - Pre-eminent (2026 - 2024); Leading (2023 - 2022); Recommended (2021)

Doyles Guide - Insolvency & Restructuring Junior Counsel (Queensland) - Pre-eminent (2026 - 2024); Leading (2023 - 2022); Recommended (2021)

Doyles Guide - Transport Junior Counsel (Australia) - Leading (2026 - 2024); Recommended (2023 - 2021)

Doyles Guide - Administrative and Public Law Junior Counsel (Queensland) (2026)

SELECTED MATTERS – UNLED AND AS LEADING COUNSEL

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

<i>Toodayan v Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland</i> [2017] QSC 301; [2018] QCA 349	Judicial review of a decision to refuse to accept a discrimination complaint. Appeal from part of the first instance decision.	For the Applicants/Appellants instructed by Greystones. Against J Horton QC on appeal.
<i>Ganbros Pty Ltd v Commissioner for Liquor and Gaming</i> (BS6515/24 – unreported 25 November 2024); [2026] QSC 45; [2026] QSC 72.	Consecutive judicial review proceedings in respect of decisions to grant detached bottle shop licences.	For the Applicants instructed by HopgoodGanim.

COMMERCIAL LAW

<i>ABT Story Pty Ltd v Cronin</i> (BS8700/24 – unreported 18 October 2024)	Application for a stay of a pending proceeding concerning disputed obligations under a loan agreement on grounds of forum non conveniens.	For the Plaintiff and Defendant by Counterclaim instructed by Cronin Miller Litigation. Against D Keane KC with T Duhig and E Goodwin KC with A Schriffer.
<i>Axis North Pty Ltd (in liquidation) v Clancy</i> (2024/00467278)	Proceeding alleging breaches of fiduciary and consequential proprietary interests in property acquired by related party of director. Instructed in relation to application to extend a caveat, transfer of proceeding and stay.	For the Plaintiffs instructed by Russells. Against M Hodge KC with M O'Brien. Led by V Whittaker SC at trial.
<i>Bargain World CQ (Rockhampton) Pty Ltd v AHC Limited</i> [2023] QSC 201	Proceeding to determine the proper construction of a lease of commercial premises.	For the Respondent instructed by HopgoodGanim.
<i>Commonwealth Bank of Australia v Super Property Group Pty Ltd</i> [2024] QDC 124; <i>Mukerji v Commonwealth Bank of Australia</i> [2025] QCA 226	Proceeding to recover against guarantors. Briefed on summary judgment application at first instance and in respect of the appeal.	For the Plaintiff instructed by Gadens. Against D de Jersey KC with S Long and C George with K Gothard on appeal.
<i>Full Petential Pty Ltd v VetzPetz Australia Pty Ltd</i> [2024] QSC 158	Proceeding to determine the proper construction of a contract and whether validly terminated.	For the Defendant instructed by Baker & McKenzie. Against D de Jersey KC.
<i>Galinovic v Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited</i> [2025] QCA 78	Appeal against orders setting aside a claim and statement of claim on a summary basis.	For the Respondents instructed by Gadens.
<i>Gallery Developments Pty Ltd v GM Private Capital Pty Ltd</i> (BS8481/21)	Claim and cross-claim in respect of monies lent pursuant to contested oral/written agreements. Settled on day two of a two-week-trial in February 2024.	For the Defendants instructed by Gadens. Against G Thompson KC with A Psaltis and C Jennings KC with A Schlicht.
<i>Hookey v Manthey</i> [2018] QSC 207; [2018] QSC 252; (2020) 4 QR 371; [2020] QSC 156	Claim concerning a failed joint venture to develop engine technology. Retained in respect of urgent Mareva relief and generally in the proceeding.	For the Defendants instructed by TVP Law and Holman Webb Lawyers. Against M Martin QC in 2018 matters.

<i>Jin Resources (Aus) Pty Ltd v Nicols</i> [2022] QSC 158	Proceeding for declarations concerning whether a general security agreement in relation to the sale of mining tenements was enforceable.	For the Second Respondent instructed by HopgoodGanim.
<i>Merryport Pty Ltd v Lawson</i> [2023] FCA 838; [2023] FCA 874	Proceeding for the recovery of funds alleged to have been misappropriated by employee. Instructed to seek ex parte freezing orders and generally in the proceeding.	For the Applicants instructed by EagleGate Lawyers
<i>No 48 Investments Pty Ltd & Anor v Kupers Enterprises</i> (BS3720/21)	Claim by purchaser of motel business in Misleading or deceptive conduct	Leading T Ambrose for the Plaintiff instructed by Porter Davies.
<i>Newclip Technics Australia Pty Ltd v Stanford & Ors</i> (BS16079/22)	Claim against former director and employee of company in relation to alleged breaches of fiduciary duty and duties arising under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> . Settled in the month prior to a two-week trial	For the First and Third Defendants instructed by Russells. Against E Goodwin KC with M Eade.
<i>Paclaw Pty Ltd atf 2010 Discretionary Trust v Police and Nurses Ltd t/as BCU</i> [2026] NSWCA 63; <i>Police and Nurses Limited trading as BCU v Adamson</i> [2026] NSWSC 645	Proceeding acting for secured lender for the recovery of funds. Proceeding involved multiple motions including application for leave to appeal refusal to stay proceeding and to recuse trial judge.	For the Plaintiff at first instance and Respondent on appeal instructed by Gadens.
<i>Stryker Australia Pty Ltd v Short</i> [2026] QSC 174	Proceeding to enforce restraint of trade clause.	For the Respondent instructed by Gilbert + Tobin.

COMPETITION, CONSUMER and REGULATORY

<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Jump Loops Pty Ltd (in liq) (No 3)</i> [2021] FCA 528	Proceeding seeking civil penalties against director of corporation alleged to have engaged in misleading conduct in relation to franchisees.	For the Third Respondent instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers. Against O Bigos QC & T Begbie QC.
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Fewstone Pty Ltd as trustee for the City Beach Trust</i> [2025] FCA 1636	Proceeding seeking \$14m in civil penalties in respect of breaches of Button Battery Safety and Information Standards. Contested penalty hearing.	For the Applicant instructed by DLA Piper.
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Name withheld</i>	Retained to appear for examinee during s 155 examinations conducted by ACCC.	For the examinee instructed by Potts Lawyers.

CORPORATIONS, INSOLVENCY and BANKRUPTCY

<i>In the matter of Allied Rural Pty Ltd (subject to deed of company arrangement)</i> (QUD318/2024)	Three-day public examination conducted in relation to a company subject to deed of company arrangement.	For the Applicant instructed by Shand Taylor.
<i>AMAL Security Services Pty Ltd (Trustee) v 452HM Pty Ltd, in the matter of 452HM Pty Ltd</i> [2025] FCA 603	Urgent application for leave to lodge amended financing statement under	For the Applicant instructed by JHK Legal.

	s 588FM(2) of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth)	
<i>Kirk as trustee of the Property of Smith (a Bankrupt) v Smith</i> [2024] FCA 240; (No 2) [2024] FCA 773	Trial of a proceeding commenced by a trustee in bankruptcy alleging sham transactions and voidable transactions.	For the Respondents instructed by HopgoodGanim.
<i>Myers v Petrie Dental Property Pty Ltd</i> [2022] QSC 230	Application for leave to commence a derivative action and cross-application for winding up on the just and equitable grounds.	For the Respondents and Cross-Applicants instructed by McCullough Robertson Lawyers.
<i>Newstart Homes Australia Pty Ltd v Kodiak Concrete Pty Ltd</i> [2024] QSC 129; (No 2) [2024] QSC 144	Contested application for the winding up of a company that had failed to respond to a statutory demand.	For the Respondent instructed by McInnes Wilson. Against M Martin KC in respect of costs argument.
<i>Re Odyssey Finance Holdings Pty Ltd (Nos 2 and 3)</i> [2026] NSWSC 822	Instructed for the supporting creditors in respect of a scheme of arrangement.	For the supporting creditors instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer.
<i>The Owners – Strata Plam No 92226 v 1A Eden Pty Ltd</i> (2017/00362562, 2019/00350729, 2025/00183400 and 2025/00246021)	Instructed for the liquidators of a company in liquidation in respect of the lifting of freezing orders, appointment as receivers, and an application for removal of the liquidators or the appointment of special purpose liquidators.	For the liquidators and company in liquidation instructed by JHK Legal.
<i>QNI Metals Pty Ltd & Ors v Parbery & Ors</i> [2021] QSC 76	Instructed in relation to the liquidation of Queensland Nickel since 2018, including to appear unled in various hearings and interlocutory applications (in addition to led appearances referred to below).	For the General Purpose Liquidators and Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq) instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers.
<i>Queensland Nickel Sales Pty Ltd v Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq)</i> [2022] FCA 112		
<i>Re Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq)</i> (Unreported decision on remuneration application 22 February 2024)		
<i>Queensland Building and Construction Commission v Mead</i> [2024] FCA 1355	Application for review of a sequestration order previously made by a registrar.	For the Creditor instructed by Gadens.
<i>Shin v Howell</i> [2025] FedCFamC2G 1892	Application to remove a trustee in bankruptcy.	For the Respondent instructed by Lander & Rodgers.
<i>Sillery Pty Ltd v CHA SMG Australia Holdings Pty Ltd</i> [2026] FCA 396	Application for urgent interlocutory relief to restrain sale of shares.	For the Applicant instructed by Gadens.
<i>Smith v Trustee of the Property of Richard John Smith</i> [2023] FCA 300	Proceeding to set aside a notice of objection to discharge from bankruptcy issued by a trustee.	For the Applicant instructed by HopgoodGanim.
<i>Kelly-Anne Trenfield and John Park as trustees for the estate of Ross William Temby v Justine Louise Temby</i>	Voidable transaction claim, and subsequent public examinations conducted over three days in March 2022. Examinations concerned issues of	For the Applicants instructed by Cronin Miller.

(QUD350/2020) & *In the matter of Ross William Temby* (BRG520/2021)

tracing and further voidable transactions.

TAXATION

ASC Investments Pty Ltd v Fordham Business Advisors Pty Ltd (BS987/25)

Proceeding alleging negligence arising out of schemes in the form of those considered in the *BBlood* litigation.

For the Defendants instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Grant v Commissioner of Taxation [2026] ARTA 833

Instructed for trial of Part IVA Proceeding remitted for re-hearing in relation to determination of tax benefit.

For the Applicant instructed by Merthyr Law. Against C Pierce SC and B McEniery.

Richardson v Commissioner of Taxation (QUD711/2025 and QUD712/2025)

Appeal against objection decision concerning an evasion decision of the Commissioner and associated penalty decisions. Settled.

For the Respondent, leading L Heit. Instructed by Gadens.

TRANSPORT

An Arbitration

Arbitration concerning a salvor's right to payment. Heard in 2022.

For the Respondent instructed by Hall & Wilcox.

FA & Sons Ltd v Maritimo Offshore Pty Ltd (QUD1158/2015)

Proceeding for negligence in respect of the destruction of a vessel because of alleged electrical defects. Involved challenges to jurisdiction and constitution of proceeding. Subsequently settled.

For the Applicant instructed by Holding Redlich in respect of jurisdictional challenge to proceeding. Otherwise led by A Duffy QC.

Oakey v Moreton Bay Boat Works Pty Ltd (BS9823/20)

Proceeding in relation to the destruction of a vessel by fire following alleged negligent works. Briefed unled in 2021-2022 to prepare proceeding for trial. Subsequently settled.

For the Plaintiffs instructed by McCullough Robertson Lawyers.

OTHER AREAS OF LAW

Aircraft Structural Contractors Pty Ltd v Nauru Air Corporation [2023] FCA 993

Copyright and joint venture dispute. Appeared in contested interlocutory applications for disclosure, security for costs, and separate questions. Subsequently settled.

For the Applicant instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers. Against D Clothier KC with S Spottiswood.

HGY v Secretary, Ministry of Health [2026] NSWCATAD 278

Proceeding for relief under the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977* (NSW). One week trial.

For the Applicant leading G Morgan-Cocks instructed by the Inner City Legal Centre.

Johnston v Hollingsworth (TS805/99)

Proceeding for damages for breach of duty against the executors of an estate. Briefed for the two-week trial. Settled in 2023, one month prior to hearing.

For the Applicants instructed by de Groot.

Names withheld (Family Law Proceeding)

Anti-suit injunction brought in family law proceedings to restrain threatened proceedings in the Supreme Court of

For the Respondent instructed by HopgoodGanim.

Queensland. Application determined July 2024.

Toodayan & Toodayan v Metro South Hospital and Health Service & Ors [2023] QIRC 36

Three-week trial of a claim for discrimination in the context of employment.

For the Applicants instructed by Greystones. Against C Murdoch KC with M Brooks.

AS JUNIOR COUNSEL

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd v Le Roux [2025] QCA 177

Appeal against a decision of the Industrial Court in relation to safety requirements on a mine.

Led by JD McKenna KC for the Respondent (also with P Nevard) instructed by Gadens.

CYB v Health Ombudsman [2025] QSC 301

Judicial review of a decision of the Health Ombudsman to carry on an investigation having withheld notice.

Led by S Robb KC for the Respondent instructed by Clayton Utz.

Health Ombudsman v Braun (2022) 11 QR 125

Appeal concerning the proper construction of the investigative powers of the Health Ombudsman.

Led by KA McMillan KC for the Respondent instructed by Clayton Utz.

COMMERCIAL LAW

An Arbitration

Retained in an arbitration concerning financial modelling of a mining project and satisfaction of contractual conditions precedent. Heard in 2025

Led by P Franco KC (also with E O'Brien) instructed by Minter Ellison.

Australia Pacific LNG (CSG) Pty Ltd v Bronco Energy Pty Limited (BS1333/23)

Dispute between joint ventures in respect of LNG projects. Retained for applications to strike out and for leave to withdraw admissions in December 2024.

Led by J McKenna KC for the Santos Parties instructed by Ashurst.

Bourke v Mach Australia Holdings Pty Ltd (BS11884/18)

Proceeding brought by mining executive for breach of contract and statutory unconscionable conduct. Concerned with value of mining project and shares in Defendant. Settled in October 2023 one month prior to trial.

Led by D O'Brien KC for the Plaintiff instructed by HopgoodGanim.

In the matter of Crown AVI Finco Pty Ltd (provisional liquidators appointed) (2025/00301515)

Proceeding concerning construction of finance contract and questions of estoppel. Settled prior to hearing.

Led by D Sulan SC for the First Defendant instructed by Gilbert + Tobin.

Equititrust Limited (Receivers and Managers appointed) (in Liquidation) v Tucker & Ors [2020] QSC 269; [2021] QSC 188

Claim by company in liquidation against its former solicitor and director for breach of duty. Trial settled at the conclusion of the first week of a three-week trial in February 2022.

Led by S Couper QC for the Plaintiff instructed by Russells.

Fairfield Services Pty Ltd (in liq) v Leggett (2020) 5 QR 50

Voidable transaction and insolvent trading/shadow director claim. Trial resolved just prior to hearing.

Led by D Atkinson QC for the Plaintiff instructed by HopgoodGanim.

<i>Fudo Ninjas Pty Ltd v HSW Nominees Pty Ltd</i> [2021] QSC 351; [2021] QSC 353	Application to stay, on the basis of estoppel/abuse of process, a proceeding alleging breach of contract in a major property development.	Led by M Henry SC for the Defendant instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.
<i>Greensill Bank AG v Insurance Australia Ltd</i> (NSD1216/2021 and 10 related matters) [2025] FCA 1543	Claim for indemnity on insurance policies, deceit, misleading or deceptive conduct and various cross-claims. Instructed in respect of proceeding listed for five-month hearing commencing September 2026.	Led by J Sheahan KC, V Whittaker SC, S Lawrence SC and N Bender SC for the GBAG parties instructed by Quinn Emmanuel. Subsequently led by N Hutley SC, M Jones SC and R Yezerski SC instructed for the Credit Suisse/UBS Parties instructed by Gilbert + Tobin.
<i>Karam Group Pty Ltd ATF The Karam (No. 10) Family Trust v HCA Queensland Pty Ltd</i> [2024] QSC 34	Judicial review of a building adjudicator's decision.	Led by A Stumer KC for the Applicant instructed by HopgoodGanim.
<i>LM Investment Management Limited (in liquidation) in its Capacity as Responsible Entity for the LM First Mortgage Income Fund (Receivers and Managers Appointed) v EY (also known as Ernst & Young)</i> (BS2166/15)	Instructed for the receiver of the responsible entity of a managed investment fund in a professional negligence claim against its auditors. Briefed to settle evidence for trial and appear at a six-month trial. Proceeding settled the year prior to trial.	Led by S Doyle QC for the Receiver instructed by Gadens.
<i>Re LM Investments Management Ltd (in liq)</i> [2022] QSC 132; [2022] QSC 133		
<i>Star Entertainment Qld Limited v Wong</i> [2024] QSC 204	Trial of a claim for the recovery of a gambling debt raising issues under the <i>Cheques Act 1986</i> , contract, and in restitution.	Led by C Johnstone for the Defendant instructed by Russells.
<i>Thallon Mole Group Pty Ltd v Morton; Morton v Thallon Mole Group Pty Ltd</i> [2022] QDC 224; [2022] QDC 290; [2023] QCA 250	Construction dispute involving four-week trial and cross-applications for leave to appeal following trial.	Led by C Heyworth-Smith KC for Thallon Mole Group Pty Ltd instructed by Robinson Locke.

COMPETITION, CONSUMER and REGULATORY

<i>An Arbitration</i>	Arbitration occurring in 2019 concerning pricing arrangements for access to infrastructure. Briefed in respect of interlocutory issues.	Led by P Wood and S Lawrance instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.
<i>An Arbitration</i>	Arbitration occurring in 2023 concerning pricing arrangements for access to infrastructure.	Led by S Lawrance SC instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.
<i>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v The Bradford Exchange Ltd</i> (NSD219/2025)	Retained in proceeding alleging contraventions of the ACL in the marketing of collectibles. Judgment reserved.	Led by R Yezerski SC for the Respondent instructed by Marque Lawyers.
<i>Australian Securities and Investment Commission v RAMS Financial Group Pty Limited</i>	Retained in proceedings arising in relation to alleged contraventions of credit legislation.	Led by M Brady KC instructed by Gadens for the Applicant.

<i>DBCT Management Pty Ltd v Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Qld)</i> [2021] QSC 335	Application for judicial review of decision of the Treasurer of Queensland to declare the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal as a regulated asset.	Led by R Higgins SC and R Yezerski for the Applicant instructed by DLA Piper.
<i>Fair Work Ombudsman v Hu</i> [2020] HCATrans 11	Application for special leave in relation to knowledge requirements for the imposition of civil penalties.	Led by PD Tucker for the Second and Third Respondents instructed by HopgoodGanim.
<i>Fewstone Pty Ltd v Australian Competition and Consumer Commission</i> [2026] FCAFC 104	Appeal against first penalty imposed for breach of Mandatory Button Batteries Standards.	Led by D Roche SC for the Respondent instructed by DLA Piper.
<i>Lake Vermont Resources Pty Ltd v Adani Abbot Point Terminal Pty Limited & Ors; QCoal Pty Limited & Ors v Adani Abbot Point Terminal Pty Limited & Anor</i> [2022] HCATrans 110	Trial, appeal and application for special leave to appeal in respect of a claim for business-to-business statutory unconscionable conduct arising out of contractual relationships at the Abbot Point Coal Terminal. Judgment at first instance (reversed) totalled over \$130 million.	Led by J McKenna QC for the QCoal Parties instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.
<i>Adani Abbot Point Terminal Pty Limited v Lake Vermont Resources Pty Ltd</i> [2020] QSC 260; (2021) 399 ALR 302; [2022] QCA 16		

CORPORATIONS, INSOLVENCY and BANKRUPTCY

<i>Allied Rural Pty Ltd v Stimpson</i> [2023] QCA 77	Appeal against court-determined remuneration of the administrator.	Led by M Martin KC for the Appellant instructed by Shand Taylor.
<i>Blue Dog Group Pty Ltd v Australian Securities and Investments Commission; Credit Suisse Equities (Australia) Ltd</i> [2025] QSC 101	Class action commenced by shareholder of Bluesky alleging conspiracy, insider trading, and misleading or deceptive conduct. Strike out application determined by consent at hearing in September 2024. Matter ongoing.	Led by A Pomerence KC for the Eighth Defendant instructed by Colin Biggers & Paisley. Unled in respect of discontinuance application.
<i>Parbery & Ors v QNI Metals Pty Ltd & Ors (No 11)</i> [2018] QSC 249; (No 14) [2019] QSC 207; (No 15) [2020] QSC 143; [2023] QSC 246	Consolidated trial of circa-\$500m claims brought by company in liquidation and its two sets of liquidators. Retained from 2018 in relation to the liquidation, various interlocutory applications in relation to the proceeding, and the trial.	For the General Purpose Liquidators and Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq) instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers. Led variously by P McQuade QC, S Doyle QC G Gibson QC, T Sullivan QC, J Moore QC; and A Pomerence KC.
<i>Park, In the matter of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd</i> [2022] FCA 667; (No 2) [2022] FCA 667; (No 3) [2022] FCA 1301; [2024] FCA 912; (Statutory Interest) [2024] FCA 1300 <i>Queensland Nickel Sales Pty Ltd v Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq) (No 2)</i> [2022] FCA 225; (No 3) [2022] FCA 564 <i>Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq) v QNI Metals Pty Ltd</i> [2021] QCA 138; [2022] QCA 136; <i>QNI Metals Pty Ltd v</i>	Proceeding for judicial advice and directions in relation to the conduct of the liquidation of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd, which included a trial concerning alleged breaches of duty by the liquidators in pursuing claims and obtaining and using litigation funding. Appeal and subsequent application for special leave to appeal in respect of a claim for \$102 million pursued by the liquidators of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd	Led by A Pomerence QC/KC for the General Purpose Liquidators and Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq) instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers. Led by A Pomerence QC for the Appellant in the Court of Appeal and Respondent in the High Court instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers.

Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq); Mineralogy Pty Ltd v Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq) [2022] HCATrans 33

arising out of trial reported as [2020] QSC 143.

Queensland Nickel Sales Pty Ltd v Park in his capacity as liquidator of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq) (2023) 299 FCR 169

Appeal from a decision of the Federal Court dismissing allegations of misconduct by liquidators.

Led by M Stewart KC for the First and Second Respondents instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers.

TAX

Commissioner of Taxation v Cheung [2026] FCAFC 75

Appeal against decision of the Federal Court in respect of whether payments were income according to ordinary concepts.

Led by M Brennan KC for the Appellant on the appeal and B Sullivan SC in respect of the special leave application. Instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers.

Merchant v Commissioner of Taxation [2024] FCA 498; [2024] AATA 1102; [2024] FCA 653; [2025] FCAFC 56; [2025] HCADisp 238; [2025] HCADisp 239

Proceeding concerning the application of Part IVA, dividend stripping, TOFA, and disqualification of a director of a superannuation fund. Briefed at trial, in the Full Court, in respect of special leave, and on the appeal. Judgment on appeal reserved.

Led by M Brennan KC for the Respondent at trial and on appeal. Led by K Deards SC in respect of special leave application and appeal to High Court. Instructed by Gadens.

Robson as trustee for the Bankrupt Estate of Lanning v Commissioner of Taxation [2024] FCA 720

Test case on the scope of a trustee in bankruptcy's obligations in respect of capital gains tax payable on assets realised administering a bankrupt estate.

Led by A Wheatley KC for the Appellant instructed by McInnes Wilson.

Special Situations Investing Group III, Inc v Commissioner of State Revenue [2025] QSC 345; [2026] QCA 98

Proceeding concerning group restructuring exemptions to the imposition of duty and additional foreign acquirer duty.

Led by A Wheatley KC at first instance for the Respondent. Led by A Stumer KC on appeal for the Appellant. Instructed by Crown Law.

TRANSPORT

Graincorp Operations Limited v Executive Director, (Heavy Vehicles and Prosecutions), Department of Transport and Main Roads [2023] QCAT 253

Proceeding to review the decision of the Heavy Vehicle Regulator in respect of alleged safety contraventions.

Led by T Sullivan KC for the Applicant instructed by Holding Redlich.

Ross Tregidga and Anor v Pasma Holdings Pty Ltd [2021] FCA 721; [2021] FCA 1439

Trial of a claim for negligence in respect of repairs to a vessel.

Led by G Nell SC for the Applicant instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers.

OTHER AREAS OF LAW

Hollingsworth v Johnston [2018] QCA 351

Appeal from a decision to allow an amendment to an originating application following related proceeding. Concerned issues of res judicata and *Anshun* estoppel.

Led by C Heyworth-Smith QC for the Respondent instructed by de Groot

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Federal Court Reports and Federal Law Reports: Senior Reporter (2014 -2021)
Queensland Reports: Reporter (2017 - 2021)