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Admissions

2023	Barrister, New South Wales Bar
2019	Solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales

Education

2021	**Master of Law (Hons I)**, University of Cambridge WM Tapp studentship
2017	**Juris Doctor (equivalent Hons I)**, University of Sydney 2nd place in graduating class Peter Paterson prize Zoe Hall scholarship, Pitt Cobbett scholarship, Exchange scholarship Quarter-finalist Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
2017	**Law Exchange**, Duke University
2013	**Bachelor of Political, Economic and Social Sciences**, University of Sydney

Professional Experience

2023 - present	**Banco Chambers (Sydney)** Barrister Christopher Gee QC Memorial Prize
2021-23	**Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan (London)** Associate
2019-20	**Herbert Smith Freehills (Sydney)** Graduate & Solicitor
2018	**Federal Court of Australia (Sydney)** Associate to the Hon Kathleen Farrell
2017	**Center for Death Penalty Litigation (North Carolina)** Three month internship

Selected matters at the Bar

Appellate

Applicant v Zitcha Pty Ltd – Fair Work Commission Full Bench – constructive dismissal under s 365 *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) – Unled, instructed by Harmers Workplace Lawyers

Built Pty Ltd v State of New South Wales – Court of Appeal of NSW Supreme Court – contract interpretation – Led by N Kidd SC and T Boyle, instructed by White & Case

Connery & Sims [2025] FedCFamC1A 34 – Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia Div 1 – Binding financial agreement; name of child - Led by D Sulan SC, instructed by Barkus Doolan Winning

Deng v ACT [2024] ACTCA 10 – Court of Appeal of ACT Supreme Court - false imprisonment action against sitting ACT Magistrates; jurisdictional error; arbitrariness under the *Human Rights Act 2004* (ACT) – Led by A Hochroth SC, instructed by ACT Government Solicitor

Locke v H.C. Loneragan & Company Pty Ltd atf Loneragan Family Trust [2025] NSWCA 166 – Court of Appeal of NSW Supreme Court – *Browne v Dunn*; quantum meruit – Led by D Barnett SC, instructed by Blackwell Short

Oil Basins Ltd v Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd – High Court of Australia – approach to a stay under s 7 of the *International Arbitration Act 1974* (Cth), law applicable to the interpretation of an arbitration agreement – Led by J Redwood SC, C Brown SC, C Harris, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Wilson v Nurburn Holdings Pty Ltd – Court of Appeal of NSW Supreme Court – contract interpretation; voidable transaction per s 37A *Conveyancing Act 1919* (NSW) – Led by D Cook SC, instructed by Roberts Crosbie Mortensen Lawyers

Arbitration & International Law

Confidential ACICA Arbitration (confidential award) – Three week hearing regarding breach of contract; extension of time; delay, succeeded with indemnity costs – Led by E Hyde SC, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright

Confidential ACICA Arbitration (settled) – Breach of contract; breach of the *Lobbying Code of Conduct* (Cth), arising from corruption scandal – Led by A Horvath SC and S Puttick, instructed by Bird & Bird

DHI22 v Qatar Airways Group QCSC (settled) – Federal Court of Australia – claim under the Montreal Convention, negligence under Qatari law regarding non-consensual examination of five Australian women in Qatar – Led by Vanessa Whittaker SC, Talia Epstein and Jerome Entwisle, instructed by Morris Mennilli

Jackson v Tamine – Supreme Court of NSW – freezing orders in aid of proceedings in the Supreme Court of Bermuda which seek recovery of trust assets – Led by D Cook SC, Chester Brown SC, instructed by Hall & Wilcox

Qinao Lianchuang (Zhuhai) Development Co Ltd v Yulong Gold Co Ltd [2025] FCA 912 – Federal Court of Australia – Obtained $112 million freezing order – Unled against silk, instructed by Ren Zhou Lawyers

Qinao Lianchuang (Zhuhai) Development Co Ltd v Xinsheng Mining Co Ltd – Federal Court of Australia – Recognition and enforcement of arbitration award – Led by C Brown SC, instructed by Ren Zhou Lawyers

Commercial & Corporate Law

Alexicon Pty Ltd v Alexiou (judgment reserved) – Supreme Court of NSW – abuse of process, security for costs – Unled against silk, instructed by Malcolm Roberts & Associates

Athena Rose Capital Pty Ltd v Coronet Treasure Pty Ltd – Supreme Court of NSW – validity of appointment of receiver – led by E Hyde SC, instructed by Mack Lion Lawyers

Cui v Wang – Supreme Court of NSW – purchase price resulting trust, unconscionable conduct, fraud – Led by M Hall, with A Alonso, instructed by Origin Lawyers

In the matter of ASP Aluminium Holdings Pty Ltd [2024] NSWSC 183 – Supreme Court of NSW – Leave to commence derivative action; oppression – Led by R Yezerski SC, instructed by Gilbert + Tobin

Jianglong Shipbuilding Co Ltd v Birdon Pty Ltd [2025] NSWSC 683 – Supreme Court of NSW – Breach of contract – Led by S Kanagaratnam, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Kingfisher Mobile Australia Pty Ltd v Telstra Ltd [2024] NSWSC 61 – Supreme Court of NSW – Breach of contract; expedited questions; injunction – Led by T Bannon SC, D Sulan SC, D Forrester, B Yin, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Menin and Boundary Road Pty Ltd atf Crown Trust 40 v Billing (unpublished judgment) – District Court of NSW – Breach of contract – Unled, instructed by Dentons

Norwest City Pty Ltd v ZXZ Pty Ltd – District Court of NSW – Breach of contract, estoppel – Unled, instructed by Ren Zhou Lawyers

Platypus Impact Housing Australia v Elsegood (settled) – Supreme Court of NSW – Breach of fiduciary and statutory directors' duties – Unled, instructed by Legacy Legal

Young v Sumo Funds Management Pty Ltd (unpublished judgment) – Supreme Court of NSW – Freezing order; fraud – Led by Anais D'Arville, instructed by John de Mestre & Co

Zreika v Downie (settled) – District Court of NSW – Breach of contract; breach of fiduciary duties – Unled, instructed by Dentons

Common Law

Kavich v Eastern Creek Karts Pty Ltd – Supreme Court of NSW – negligence, nuisance – Unled, instructed by Malcolm Roberts & Associates

Construction

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation v ACN 103 211 141 Pty Ltd – Supreme Court of NSW – Breach of contract, defects – Led by T Breakspear SC, instructed by King & Wood Mallesons

Built Pty Ltd v State of New South Wales [2026] NSWSC 1147 – Supreme Court of NSW – Extension of time, delay damages, variations – led by T Breakspear SC and T Boyle, instructed by White & Case

Chase Building Group (Canberra) Pty Ltd v R U Schneider Pty Ltd Trading as Capital Surveys (unpublished judgment) – Federal Court of Australia – Breach of contract, negligence – Unled on interlocutory, then led by M Hall, instructed by Sparke Helmore

Owners Strata Plan 16624 v IPM Developments Pty Limited (in liq) [2024] NSWSC 1548 – Misleading and deceptive conduct; unconscionable conduct – Unled on interlocutory, then led by T Breakspear SC, instructed by Diamond Conway

Employment

Alexiou v Australian and New Zealand Banking Group [2026] FCA 1373 – Federal Court of Australia – Whistleblower protections under the *Corporations Act*; adverse action under *Fair Work Act* - Led by K Morgan SC and R Pietriche, instructed by Seyfarth Shaw

Applicant v Zitcha Pty Ltd [2026] FWC 2069 – Fair Work Commission – jurisdictional objection regarding "dismissal" – Unled, instructed by Harmers Workplace Lawyers

Hord v The Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Parramatta (settled) – Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia – underpayment, adverse action under *Fair Work Act* – Unled

Family Law

D'Souza & Kapur – Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia – Application to set aside subpoena – Unled

Suppressed – Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia – Parenting orders – Unled, instructed by Phillip A Wilkins & Associates

Public Law

Employers Mutual Limited v State Insurance Regulatory Authority (settled) – Judicial review of refusal to determine licence for workers compensation insurance – Led by R Dick SC, instructed by DWF Law

Insolvency & Restructuring

Boon Business Consultants Pty Ltd (in liq) v Titan Cranes and Rigging Pty Ltd – Federal Court of Australia – voidable transactions – Led by J Potts SC and R Pietriche, instructed by Clayton Utz

Chief Commissioner of Taxation v Gleeson and Soire as Administrators of Dalma Form Specialist Pty Ltd [2024] FCA 908 – Federal Court of Australia – Proof of debt appeal; setting aside DOCA; terminating administration – Led by F Assaf SC and J Anderson, instructed by Gillis Delaney

In the matter of Bridge Mining Pty Ltd – Supreme Court of NSW – liquidators' examinations, document production – Led by D Krochmalik SC, instructed by O'Loughlin Westhoff

In the matter of Firmtech Aluminium Pty Ltd (subject to DOCA) – Supreme Court of NSW – Appeal from determination of proof of debt – Unled, instructed by Origin Lawyers

In the matter of W Capital (unpublished judgment) – Supreme Court of NSW – Set aside DOCA; effect of US Chapter 11 proceedings under cross-border insolvency principles – Led by D Krochmalik SC, instructed by Bridges Lawyers

Platypus Impact Housing Australia v Elsegood [2024] NSWSC 753 – Supreme Court of NSW – Set aside statutory demand – Led by F Assaf SC, instructed by Legacy Legal

Stelamar LLC v Soar.Earth Limited (subject to DOCA) (No 2) [2026] FCA 1318 – Federal Court of Australia – Set aside DOCA – Led by J Hynes SC, instructed by Ironbridge Lawyers

Insurance

Access Bank UK Limited v Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co Ltd – Supreme Court of NSW - liability under insurance contract; misrepresentations; nondisclosure – Led by A Horvath SC and S Kanagaratnam, instructed by Kennedys Law

Jacobs Engineering Group Inc v CIMIC Group Ltd – Supreme Court of NSW – Effect of self-insurance arrangements on an indemnity – Led by D Barnett SC, instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan

McBeth v NSW Rural Fire Service – Supreme Court of NSW – Foreign insurer's right of subrogation – Led by A D'Arville, instructed by John de Mestre & Co

Publications

'Murphy v Electoral Commissioner: Between Severance and a Hard Place' (2017) 39(3) *Sydney Law Review* 395

'Criminal Director Liability: A Bridge Now Too Far?' (2020) 35(2) *Australian Journal of Corporate Law* 187 (co-authored with John Colvin)

'Preliminary Discovery in International Arbitration: An Australian Perspective' (2020) *Kluwer Arbitration Blog* (co-authored with Leon Chung & Guillermo Garcia-Perrote)

'Negative Interest Rates — Could Financiers be Required to Pay Interest?' (2020) *HSF Notes* (co-authored with Patrick Lowden & Josie Essery)

'The Capacity of Executive Government to Spend Money in Australia after the *Williams* Cases' (2021, dissertation submitted to the University of Cambridge)

'Challenging and Enforcing Arbitration Awards – Australia' (2024) *Global Arbitration Review* (co-authored with Jonathon Redwood SC and Katherine Sutton)

'International Arbitration 2024: Australia' (2024) *Chambers & Partners* (co-authored with Jonathon Redwood SC, Lucas Bastin KC and Boxun Yin)