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ADMISSIONS

Barrister	2017
Solicitor	2014

EDUCATION

Master of Commerce (Finance), University of Sydney	2022
Bachelor of Laws (Hons I), University of Sydney	2014
Bachelor of Arts (Hons I), University of Sydney	2013

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

King & Wood Malleons	2014-2017
Solicitor, Dispute Resolution	
NSW Court of Appeal	2013
Tipstaff to the Hon Acting Justice Sackville AO & the Hon Acting Justice Tobias AM RFD	

SELECTED MATTERS AS COUNSEL

Matter	Led by	Instructed by
Class actions		
<i>Tarbotton v IG Markets</i> , Federal Court of Australia, VID301/2023 – class action in relation to financial products (for defendant), ongoing	R Dick SC, D Sulan SC	King & Wood Malleons

<i>Bain v International Capital Markets Pty Ltd</i> , Federal Court of Australia, VID 1088/2023 – class action in relation to financial products (for defendant), ongoing	D F C Thomas SC, R Zambelli	Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan
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<i>Alannah Fox v Westpac Banking Corporation</i> , Supreme Court of Victoria, S ECI 2020 2946 – class action in relation to car loans (for defendant), settled after trial	D F C Thomas SC, C Hamilton-Jewell	King & Wood Mallesons
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Regulatory litigation and inquiries

Bell Review of The Star Pty Ltd (2022) – public inquiry under the <i>Casino Control Act 1992</i> (for The Star)	K Richardson SC and others	King & Wood Mallesons
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<i>ASIC v MLC Nominees Pty Ltd & Anor</i> , Federal Court of Australia, NSD 1654/2018 – civil penalty proceeding (for defendants)	D F C Thomas SC, M Ellicott	Herbert Smith Freehills
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<i>Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry</i> (2018) – for National Australia Bank in Round 5 hearings	N J Young QC and others	Herbert Smith Freehills
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<i>Australian Securities and Investments Commission v National Australia Bank Limited</i> [2017] FCA 1338, civil penalty proceeding (for defendant)	N Young QC and others	King & Wood Mallesons
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<i>ASIC Markets Disciplinary Panel matter MDP 265/16</i> – alleged contravention of <i>ASIC Market Integrity Rules (ASX Market) 2010</i> (for defendant)	I M Jackman SC and D F C Thomas	King & Wood Mallesons
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Commercial and Corporations

<i>AW One Circular Quay Pty Ltd v Crone Partners Pty Ltd</i> , Supreme Court of NSW, 2023/00438572 – alleged negligence in provision of architectural services for large-scale development (for plaintiff), ongoing	S Robertson SC	Clayton Utz
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<i>Tomasso v IG Markets Limited</i> , Supreme Court of Western Australia, COR 103/2022 – contractual dispute in relation to financial services (for defendant), decision reserved	J Garas SC	King & Wood Mallesons
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<i>Thomas v Blac Pty Ltd</i> , Supreme Court of New South Wales, 2022/142535 – oppression suit, settled before hearing (for defendants)	Unled	Jenkins Legal Services
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<i>NJD Group Investments Pty Ltd v Mackay</i> , District Court of NSW 2021/347578 – breach of contract, negligent misstatement in relation to requisitions on sale (for plaintiff), settled before hearing	Unled	Jenkins Legal Services
<i>Peter Quentin Clarke v Joseph Slupik</i> – NSWSC 2021/136371 – oppression suit, settled before hearing (for plaintiff)	M Ashhurst SC	SWS Lawyers Pty Ltd
<i>Byrne v The Owners – Strata Plan No 75809</i> , NSWSC 2020/65512 – dispute in relation to enforcement of deed, settled part-heard (for plaintiff)	Unled	Alex Ilkin & Co
<i>KPE Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd v Two Tempe Holdings Pty Ltd</i> [2022] NSWSC 1614 – dispute as to whether deed delivered unconditionally (for plaintiff)	S Docker	Henry Williams Lawyers
<i>Sansom v Commonwealth of Australia</i> , Federal Court of Australia NSD902/2021 – contamination of land by PFAS, settled before hearing	I Pike SC	Jenkins Legal Services
<i>Arora v IG Market Limited</i> , Federal Court of Australia VID497/2020 – alleged misleading or deceptive conduct (for defendant), settled before hearing	Unled	King & Wood Mallesons
<i>In the matter of Powerpark Systems Pty Ltd</i> [2018] NSWSC 793 – application to set aside statutory demand (for defendant)	Unled	Priority Business Lawyers
<i>DRN Business Solutions Pty Ltd v Spiken</i> (NSWSC 2017/00209099) – restraint of trade (for defendant), settled part-heard	Unled	Priority Business Lawyers

Administrative law / statutory interpretation

<i>Carroll and Ors v The Owners – Strata Plan No 37248</i> [2025] NSWCATAP 59 – statutory interpretation (for appellant)	Unled	JS Mueller & Co
<i>Kaur v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs</i> [2024] FCA 435 – judicial review (for appellant), appeal allowed	Unled	
<i>Wilson v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs</i> , Federal Court of Australia NSD 1247/2020 – judicial review (for	Unled	Dormer Stanhope

applicant), decision below quashed by consent before hearing

<i>BUK16 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection</i> [2020] FCA 558 – appeal from costs order in migration litigation (for plaintiff) (judgment for plaintiff)	Unled	Wotton + Kearney
<i>EB 9 & 10 Pty Ltd v The Owners Strata Plan 934</i> [2018] NSWCA 288 – statutory interpretation, costs (for defendant), appeal dismissed	M Ashhurst SC	Chambers Russell Lawyers
<i>Powerpark Systems Pty Ltd v Shoemark Electrical Pty Ltd</i> (NSWSC 2018/00177255) – judicial review, security for costs (for defendant), proceedings dismissed	Unled	Priority Business Lawyers
<i>Stojic v Deputy Commissioner of Taxation</i> [2018] FCA 483 – judicial review (for applicant)	Unled	Matthews Folbigg Lawyers
<i>Probuild Constructions (Aust) Pty Ltd v Shade Systems Pty Ltd</i> (2018) 264 CLR 1 – judicial review (for appellant)	B W Walker SC, S Robertson	Maddocks Lawyers

Property law

<i>Gokani-Robins Pty Ltd v The Owners – Strata Plan No 77109</i> [2025] NSWCATAP 107 – strata titles, whether by-law harsh, unconscionable or oppressive (for defendant)	Unled	Grace Lawyers
<i>Beitzel v The Owners – Strata Plan No 67504 & Ors</i> [2023] NSWCATCD 96 – strata titles law, refusal to make common property rights by-law (for defendant)	Unled	JS Mueller & Co
<i>WOTSO Penrith v Covecom Pty Limited</i> (NSWCATCD, 12 May 2023) – damages claim pursuant to <i>Retail Leases Act</i> (for applicant)	Unled	Hamilton Locke
<i>Quo Warranto Pty Ltd v Goodman</i> [2022] NSWCATAP 315 – strata titles law, power to alter contributions (for first and second respondents)	Unled	Le Page Lawyers
<i>The Owners - Strata Plan No 68255 v Downs</i> [2021] NSWCATCD 34 – dispute in relation to delineation of common property in strata scheme (for defendant)	M Ashhurst SC	Grace Lawyers

<i>Pollak v The Owners - Strata Plan No 2834</i> [2020] NSWSC 784 – appeal from NCATAP decision (for defendant), leave to appeal refused	M Ashhurst SC	J S Mueller & Co
<i>First Mortgage Capital Pty Ltd v Jeram</i> [2019] NSWSC 563 – application to stay writ of possession (for defendant), application dismissed	Unled	Summer Lawyers
<i>The Owners - Strata Plan No. 6673 v Composite Commodities Pty Ltd</i> (NCAT file no. SC 18/48653) – reinstatement of common property (for defendant), settled before hearing	P Gray SC	J S Mueller & Co
<i>Sader v Langham</i> [2018] NSWSC 727 – construction of easement (for plaintiffs)	S Robertson	Colin Biggers & Paisley
<i>Plumpton Park Developments Pty Ltd v SAS Trustee Corporation</i> [2018] NSWSC 461 – construction of easement (for defendant), proceedings dismissed	S J Free	Addisons Lawyers

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