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ADMISSION

2021 Called to the New South Wales Bar

2014 Admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales

EDUCATION

2022 **Master of Public and International Law, University of Melbourne**

2013 **Bachelor of Laws (Hons I), University of Sydney**

- Walter Reid Memorial Prize for meritorious academic performance
- NSW Justices Association Prize in Administrative Law
- Pitt Cobbett Prize in Administrative Law

2013 **Bachelor of International Studies, University of Sydney**

- International Exchange Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO THE BAR

2016 to 2021 **NSW Crown Solicitor's Office**
Solicitor and Senior Solicitor, Constitutional and Administrative Law

2014 to 2016 **Jones Day**
Associate, Global Disputes

2013 **Supreme Court of New South Wales**
Researcher to Equity Division under Bergin CJ in Eq
Acting Tipstaff to Darke J and Young AJA

Academic

- 2019 **University of Technology Sydney**
Tutor, Foundations of Law
- 2014 to 2017 **Australian Law Journal**
Assistant General Editor and Personalia Editor

SELECTED MATTERS AS A BARRISTER

Public law

Acting for environmental group seeking judicial review of decision to approve Mataranka water allocation plan under Northern Territory water legislation.

- *Environment Centre (NT) Inc v Minister for Water Resources* (No. 541 of 2025) – judgment reserved (led by P G Willis SC)

Acted for MetLife Insurance Ltd in Federal Court proceedings against Australian Financial Complaints Authority regarding validity of authority’s determinations.

- *MetLife Insurance Limited v Australian Financial Complaints Authority (No 2)* [2022] FCA 291 (led by S Robertson SC)
- *Metlife Insurance Limited v Australian Financial Complaints Authority (No 3)* (2022) 411 ALR 163; (2022) 162 ACSR 366 (led by S Robertson SC)
- *MetLife Insurance Limited v Australian Financial Complaints Authority (No 4)* [2022] FCA 1020 (led by S Robertson SC)

Acted for Calvary Health Care ACT Ltd in proceedings brought in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, challenging the Territory’s takeover of the plaintiff’s hospital based on an alleged acquisition of property otherwise than on just terms.

- *Calvary Health Care ACT Ltd v Australian Capital Territory* [2023] ACTSCFC 1 (led by D Williams SC and B Kaplan)

Acted for traditional owners and environment group seeking judicial review of decisions relating to the McArthur River Mine, operated by a subsidiary of Glencore plc.

- *Green v Minister for Mining and Industry* [2023] NTSC 18 (led by O Jones SC)
- *Green v Minister for Mining and Industry* (No AP 2 of 2023 / 2231573) in the Northern Territory Court of Appeal (led by N Sharp SC and O Jones SC) (discontinued following legislative change)

Acted for State of New South Wales in judicial review proceedings challenging validity of regional state forest agreement between the State and the Commonwealth.

- *North East Forest Alliance Inc v Commonwealth of Australia* (2024) 423 ALR 533; [2024] FCA 5 (led by S Robertson SC)

Acted for Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority in judicial review application regarding decision not to increase number of gaming machines permitted in licensed venue.

- *Blairgrove Pty Ltd v Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority* [2024] NSWSC 1525 (Unled)

Acted for Commissioner of Police in judicial review application challenging various decisions under freedom of information laws.

- *Adams v Commissioner of Police, New South Wales Police Force* [2025] NSWSC 1181 (Unled)

Acted for organisers of protest at Sydney Opera House in application by Commissioner of Police for prohibition order under summary offences legislation.

- *Commissioner of Police (NSW) v Naser* [2025] NSWCA 224 (led by F Graham)

Representative proceedings

Acting for State of New South Wales in class action by individuals unlawfully strip searched by police officers at music festivals in the State between 2016 and 2022.

- *State of New South Wales v Meredith*, NSW Court of Appeal No. 2025/394794 – appeal from *Meredith (No 5)* (led by P Herzfeld SC and N Oreb)
- *Meredith v State of New South Wales (No 5)* [2025] NSWSC 1133 – trial judgment (led by J Sexton SC and M Hutchings)
- *Meredith v State of New South Wales (No 4)* [2025] NSWSC 13 – strike-out application (led by M Hutchings)
- *State of New South Wales v Meredith* [2024] NSWCA 287 – application for leave to appeal from *Meredith (No 3)* (led by M Hutchings)
- *Meredith v State of New South Wales (No 3)* [2024] NSWSC 1499 – application to set aside subpoena (led by M Hutchings)
- *Meredith v State of New South Wales* [2023] NSWSC 1546 – application to de-class proceedings (led by N Oreb)

Commercial, equity, building and construction

Acted for builder in claim for damages for breach of statutory home building warranties by owners' corporation regarding development of 45 townhouses at Tweed Heads.

- *The Owners Strata Plan 99960 v SPS Building Contractors Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 687 (led by S Docker SC)

- *Strata Plan 99960 v SPS Building Contractors Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2023] NSWSC 1064 (led by S Docker SC)
- *Strata Plan 99960 v SPS Building Contractors Pty Ltd* [2022] NSWSC 1464 (led by S Docker SC)

Acted for Maincom Services Pty Ltd in appeal from Local Court decision in security of payment proceedings, regarding existence of settlement agreement with claimant.

- *Maincom Services Pty Ltd v Raptis Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 305 (led by M Keene)

Acted for NSW Attorney General in proceedings by Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust seeking declaration that it held proceeds of land at Rookwood Cemetery subject to a charitable trust established by statute.

- *Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust v Attorney General of New South Wales* (2024) 116 NSWLR 314 (led by H El-Hage SC)

Acted for mortgagee in application for declaration of resulting trust and judgment in respect of mortgage debt, with orders for judicial sale.

- *Ellie Barikhan v Vincenzo Cagnoni* [2023] NSWSC 745 (led by M Young SC)

Acted for NSW Attorney General in proceedings by Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Land Manager seeking judicial advice in respect of proceeds of land at Rookwood Cemetery said to be held subject to a charitable trust created by statute.

- *Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Land Manager v Attorney-General NSW* [2022] NSWSC 1763 (led by P Herzfeld SC)

Acted for Ms Katrina Hobhouse in appeal from NSW Supreme Court decision that Mr Lee Macarthur-Onslow had validly exercised option to purchase apartment at Darling Point.

- *Hobhouse v Macarthur-Onslow* (2022) 409 ALR 187; [2022] NSWCA 158 (led by B Coles KC and M Keene)

Bankruptcy and insolvency

Acted for creditor in Federal Court application to set aside bankruptcy notice and/or to extend time for filing application to set aside bankruptcy notice.

- *Di Gregorio v Lumi Financial Pty Ltd* [2022] FCA 165 – application for stay pending appeal from [2022] FCA 94 (Unled)
- *Di Gregorio v Lumi Financial Pty Ltd* [2022] FCA 94 – judgment regarding court’s jurisdiction under bankruptcy legislation (Unled)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Chapter 5, “Security Interests in Personal Property covered by the PPSA”, in Tyler, Young and Croft, *Fisher & Lightwood’s Law of Mortgages* (3rd ed, 2013)

“The prerogative writs and the origins of English administrative law” (2014) 88 *Australian Law Journal* 567

“Payment into joint account as security for stay does not create PPSA security interest” (2015) 89 *Australian Law Journal* 380

“Police duties revisited” (2015) 89 *Australian Law Journal* 558

“High Court rules late payment fees not penalties in bank fees class action” (2016) 27 *Journal of Banking and Finance Law and Practice* 165 (with M Legg)