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#### **PRACTICE**

Called to the Bar in 2018

Briefs accepted in all areas of law, including:

Commercial law, including building and construction law, contracts law, corporations law, equity, insurance law, professional liability law, revenue law

**Public law**, including administrative law, constitutional law, discrimination law, environment and planning law, human rights law, migration law

**Public and Private International Law** 

**Arbitration** 

### **ADMISSIONS**

Supreme Court of New South Wales, 2009

High Court of Australia, 2010

New York, 2015

### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Laws (Hons I), University of New South Wales (UNSW)

**Bachelor of International Studies in Languages with Distinction, UNSW** 

Ranking: 1st in International Studies/Law; 7th in Law

# LLM, New York University (NYU)

Dean's Graduate Award

Pro bono placement: Make the Road, which represents Latino and other minority clients in immigration and other community legal matters

### PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Barrister, Eleven Wentworth, 2018-

#### Associate, Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP, New York, 2014–2018

Working in the International Arbitration Group, representing countries and state-owned companies in large and complex investment treaty arbitrations and international commercial arbitrations.

#### Matters included:

- representing an Asian State in an arbitration and annulment proceedings administered by the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) and brought by companies involved in the mining industry;
- representing a Central Asian State in ICSID arbitrations brought by construction companies;
- representing a European State in ICSID annulment proceedings arising out of an arbitration brought by companies operating in the renewable energy industry;
- representing a European State in an arbitration administered by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and brought by persons involved in the banking and finance industry;

• representing a State-owned resources company in an ICC arbitration against another State-owned resources company.

Pro bono work with Her Justice, working on family, divorce and immigration law for low income women living in New York.

Acting Senior Legal Officer and Legal Officer, Office of International Law (OIL), Australian Attorney-General's Department, 2011–2013

Solicitor, Government Law Practice Group, New South Wales Crown Solicitor's Office, 2010–2011

Research Director to James Spigelman AC QC, then Chief Justice of NSW, 2009

Tipstaff to Justice John Basten, Judge, NSW Court of Appeal and NSW Court of Criminal Appeal, 2008–2009

# REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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NSW Court of Appeal	
Muswellbrook Shire Council v Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd (No 3) [2019] NSWCA 216	Construction of development consent. Led by R Lancaster SC.
Supreme Court of NSW	
Internet Traffic Solutions Management Pty Ltd v Himmati (NSWSC 2018/138209)	Breach of contract, fiduciary duties, equitable duty of confidence, constructive trusts and tracing. Led by R Mansted.
In the matter of Banksia Securities Ltd (in liq) (receivers and managers appointed) [2019] NSWSC 136	Application for remuneration by special purpose receivers. Led by M Izzo SC, who was appointed contradictor in the matter.
Federal Court	
Smith v Commonwealth (NSD 1908/2016)	Representative proceeding. Tort and breach of statutory duties. Led by J Kirk SC, S Free SC, A Munro and A Lyons.
SZHYH v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (No 3) [2019] FCA 589	Judicial review. Led by S Free SC, as amici curiae in the matter.
Nyoni v Cho [2019] FCA 560	Judicial review and civil procedure. Led by S Kaur-Bains, as amici curiae (contradictors) in the matter.
Land and Environment Court of NSW	
Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment v Singtel Optus Pty Ltd [2019] NSWLEC 44	Proceedings on penalty. Led by R Lancaster SC.
Muswellbrook Shire Council v Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd (No 3) [2018] NSWLEC 193	Judicial review and civil enforcement proceedings. Led by R Lancaster SC.

#### **NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal**

Two Cubed Pty Ltd v Secretary of the Department of Education NSW [2019] NSWCATAD 122

Review of decision to deny application for provider law under *Children (Education and Care Services) National Law* (NSW). Unled.

Hollins v NSW Land and Housing Corporation [2019] NSWCATAP 132

Appeal against decision of General Member regarding termination of residential tenancy agreement. Unled.

Liu v Chinese Medicine Council of NSW [2019] NSWCATOD 71 Appeal from decision to suspend registration as medicine practitioner. Led by S Free SC.

*DRF v Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Force* [2019] NSWCATAD 5

Administrative review of claim under *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW). Unled.

### **International arbitration**

Muhammet Çap & Bankrupt Sehil Inşaat Endustri ve Ticaret Ltd. Sti. v. Turkmenistan (ICSID Case No. ARB/12/6)

Investor-state arbitration. Unled.

## **Opinions**

Opinions on a number of areas, including corporations law, administrative law, migration law, tort, planning law, workers compensation law. Instructors include Hicksons Lawyers, Legal Aid NSW, MinterEllison, Norton Rose Fulbright, Public Interest Advocacy Centre, Refugee Advice & Casework Service and YPOL Lawyers.

# SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

'Substantive Protection' in *Business Guide to Trade and Investment, Volume II: International Investment* (International Chamber of Commerce and International Law Institute 2018) (co-authored with Claudia Frutos-Peterson)

'Conflicts of Interest' in *Handbook on Third-Party Funding in International Arbitration* (Juris Publishing, 2018) (co-authored with Miriam Harwood)

'Third-Party Funding: Security for Costs and Other Key Issues' in *Investment Treaty Arbitration Review* (Law Business Research, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, 2017) 103 (co-authored with Miriam Harwood and Simon Batifort)

'Investment Arbitration: Jurisdiction and Procedure' in *International Arbitration Review* (Law Business Research, 6<sup>th</sup> ed, 2015) 1 (co-authored with Miriam Harwood and Simon Batifort)

'BG Group v. Argentina: The US Supreme Court and Judicial Review of Investment Treaty Awards' (2014) 108 American Journal of International Law 750 (co-authored with Anthea Roberts)

'Recent Developments in the Maritime Boundaries and Maritime Zones of the Pacific' (2014) 31 *Australian Yearbook of International Law* 41

'Australian Legislation Concerning Matters of International Law 2009' (2013) 30 Australian Yearbook of International Law 261

General Editor and Forum Editor, UNSW Law Journal, 2006

Member, Editorial Board, UNSW Law Journal, 2003–2007

# LANGUAGES

I am proficient in Spanish, French and Modern Greek.