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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 and Private International Law

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

Arbitration

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of New South Wales, 2009

High Court of Australia, 2010

New York, 2015

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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)

Specialisations: administrative law, constitutional law and international law

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

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Reader, 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 Australian and UK companies involved in the mining industry;

- representing a Central Asian State in ICSID arbitrations brought by Turkish construction companies;
- representing a European State in ICSID annulment proceedings arising out of an arbitration brought by European 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

Tobacco Litigation Taskforce and General Advising Group.

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

Intern, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, 2010

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

AWARDS

Dean's Graduate Award, School of Law, NYU, 2013

Prize for the best performance in the Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Laws program, UNSW, 2008

Best performing student in International Commercial Arbitration, Cornell Law School-Sorbonne Law School Summer Institute of International and Comparative Law, 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Investor-State Arbitration (in Spanish), International Arbitration Summer Program, American University, Washington DC, 2016, (co-taught with Claudia Frutos-Peterson)

Tutor, Administrative Law, Australian National University, 2013

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

'Substantive Protection' in *Business Guide to Trade and Investment, Volume II: International Investment* (forthcoming) (co-authored with Claudia Frutos-Peterson)

'Third-Party Funding in Investment Disputes' in *Business Guide to Trade and Investment, Volume II: International Investment* (forthcoming) (co-authored with Miriam Harwood and Simon Batifort)

'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, 2nd ed, 2017) 103 (co-authored with Miriam Harwood and Simon Batifort)

'Investment Arbitration: Jurisdiction and Procedure' in *International Arbitration Review* (Law Business Research, 6th 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

Paper on the 'Polluter Pays' Principle in the Offshore Petroleum Industry, Annual Australian Petroleum Regulators Forum, Perth, 2012

Headnote writer, Administrative Appeals Reports and Australian Criminal Reports, 2012–2015

'Tackling Obstacles to Damages Actions by Individuals – White Paper on Damages Actions for Breach of the EC Antitrust Rules' (Issue 9, 2008) *Bulletin of International Legal Developments (BILD)* 99

'The Meaning of Judicial Power and the Function of the Takeovers Panel – *Attorney-General (Cth) v Alinta Limited*' (Issue 6, 2008) *BILD* 6

'The Application of the Principle of Equal Treatment to Women Undergoing In Vitro Fertilization – *Mayr v Bäckerei und Konditorei Gerhard Flöckner OHG*' (Issue 4, 2008) *BILD* 37

'Legal Professional Privilege and Competition Law Enforcement – *AKZO v Commission*' (Issue 2, 2008) *BILD* 13

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.