

## Christina Trahanas

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### PRACTICE

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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

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Supreme Court of New South Wales, 2009

High Court of Australia, 2010

New York, 2015

### EDUCATION

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

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

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

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**Barrister, Eleven Wentworth, 2018–**

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

Working in the International Arbitration Group, in high-stakes and complex international commercial arbitrations and investment treaty arbitrations.

Matters included:

- representing a State-owned resources company in a multi-billion dollar arbitration administered by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) against another State-owned resources company;
- representing an Asian State in a billion-dollar 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 several 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; and

- representing a European State in an ICC arbitration brought by persons involved in the banking and finance industry.

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

### 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

*William Inglis and Son Limited v Australian Turf Club Limited and SMEC Testing Services Pty Ltd* (NSWSC 2019/165012) Breach of contract, misleading and deceptive conduct, negligence. Led by N Owens SC.

*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.

### Federal Court

*Kelly, in the matter of Halifax Investment Services Pty Ltd (in liquidation) (No 8)* [2020] FCA 533 Insolvency. Application for judicial advice and directions. Led by A Leopold SC and E Holmes.

*Smith v Commonwealth* (NSD 1908/2016) (settled) Representative proceeding. Tort and breach of statutory duties. Led by J Kirk SC, S Free SC, A Munro and A Lyons.

*Przybylowski v Australian Human Rights Commission* [2020] FCA 198 Application for summary dismissal. Unled.

*Australaw Pty Ltd v Minister for Families and Social Services* [2020] FCA 227 Statutory construction. Led by S Free SC.

*SZHYH v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (No 3)* [2019] FCA 589 Judicial review. Led by S Free SC, as amici curiae.

## Land and Environment Court of NSW

- Environment Protection Authority v Hardman Chemicals Pty Ltd* [2020] NSWLEC 8 Sentencing. Non-compliance with licence condition. Unled.
- 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

- Hall v NSW Land and Housing Corporation* [2020] NSWCATAP 2 Appeal against decision of General Member regarding termination of residential tenancy agreement. Unled.
- 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.
- 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 İnşaat Endüstri 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, the Australian Government Solicitor, the NSW Crown Solicitor, YPOL Lawyers and Clayton Utz.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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‘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**

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I am proficient in Spanish, French and Modern Greek.