

PRACTICE

Called to the Bar in 2018

Briefs accepted in all areas of law, including:

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

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

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

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

General commercial law, corporations, equity, insolvency and property law

William Inglis and Son Limited v Australian Turf Club Limited and SMEC Testing Services Pty Ltd (NSW Supreme Court, 2019/165012) (settled) Breach of contract, misleading and deceptive conduct, negligence. Led by I Pike SC.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission v BHF Solutions Pty Ltd [2022] FCAFC 108 Scope of National Credit Code and exemptions for continuing credit contracts. Led by G Kennett SC, N Williams SC and M Allars SC, with C Winnett.

Bogan v The Estate of Peter John Smedley (Deceased) [2022] VSC 201 Application for group costs order. Led by J Kirk SC and J Roy.

Epic Games, Inc v Google LLC [2022] FCA 66 Stay application. Private international law. Led by N Hutley SC, J Hutton and R Yezerki.

<i>Aust-One Investment Pty Ltd v New World Investments Pty Ltd</i> [2022] NSWSC 137	Construction of registered easement. Enforceability of positive covenants. Led by P Greenwood SC.
<i>In the matter of OneSteel Manufacturing Pty Ltd and Tahmoor Coal Pty Ltd</i> (Supreme Court of NSW, Judgment of Black J, 16 August 2021)	Winding up application. Extension of timetable. Led by S Mirzabegian SC.
<i>Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council v Commonwealth</i> (Federal Court, NSD 70/2021)	Representative proceeding. Tort and breach of statutory duties. Led by S Lloyd SC, S Free SC, A Munro, with C Gregory.
<i>Kelly (Liquidator), in the matter of Halifax Investment Services Pty Ltd (in liquidation) v Loo</i> [2021] FCA 531 and <i>In the matter of Halifax New Zealand Limited (in liquidation)</i> [2021] NZHC 1113 (High Court of New Zealand)	Insolvency. Application for judicial advice and directions. Trusts. Distribution of funds. Joint final hearing in the Federal Court of Australia and in the High Court of New Zealand. Led by A Leopold SC and E Holmes.
<i>Nation Energy (Australia) Pty Ltd v Paltar Petroleum Ltd (Administrators Appointed)</i> [2019] FCA 1473	Leave to bring interlocutory proceeding against a company in liquidation under 471B of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth) and leave to settle proceeding under s 240 of the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> (Cth). Unled.
<i>Smith v Commonwealth</i> (Federal Court, NSD 1908/2016) (settled)	Representative proceeding. Tort and breach of statutory duties. Led by J Kirk SC, S Free SC and A Munro, with A Lyons.
<i>In the matter of Banksia Securities Ltd (in liq) (receivers and managers appointed)</i> [2019] NSWSC 136	Application for remuneration by special purpose receivers. Led by M Izzo SC, who was appointed contradictor.

Public law

<i>Coal of Queensland Pty Ltd v Innovation and Science Australia</i> [2021] FCAFC 54	Appeal on question of law from AAT decision. Statutory construction. Led by S Free SC.
<i>H2O Exchange Pty Ltd v Innovation and Science Australia</i> [2021] FCA 11	Appeal on question of law from AAT decision. Statutory construction. Led by S Free SC.
<i>TJYS and National Disability Insurance Agency</i> [2021] AATA 3409	Merits review of supports under National Disability Insurance Scheme. Unled.
<i>Markaboui and National Disability Insurance Agency</i> [2021] AATA 1632	Merits review of supports under National Disability Insurance Scheme. Unled.
<i>Lakes Oil NL and Innovation and Science Australia</i> (Administrative Appeals Tribunal, 2018/2624)	Merits review of respondent's decision that applicant's activities not "R&D activities" within the meaning of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1997</i> (Cth). Led by T Wong SC.

<i>Global Family Day Care Pty Ltd v Secretary Department of Education</i> [2020] NSWCATAD 248	Merits review of decision cancelling service approval under <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law</i> (NSW). Unled.
<i>Australian Pacific Touring Pty Ltd v Minister for Health</i> (Federal Court, NSD 398/2020) (settled)	Validity of determination of emergency requirements relating to cruise ships during pandemic. Statutory construction. Led by A McInerney SC, with J Kennedy.
<i>Australaw Pty Ltd v Minister for Families and Social Services</i> [2020] FCA 227	Statutory construction. Led by S Free SC.
<i>Hall v NSW Land and Housing Corporation</i> [2020] NSWCATAP 2	Appeal against decision of General Member regarding termination of residential tenancy agreement. Unled.
<i>DSC17 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection and Immigration Assessment Authority</i> [2019] HCATrans 134	Application for special leave. Decision of Immigration Assessment Authority. Led by N Owens SC.
<i>SZHYH v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (No 3)</i> [2019] FCA 589	Judicial review. Led by S Free SC, as amici curiae.
<i>Two Cubed Pty Ltd v Secretary of the Department of Education NSW</i> [2019] NSWCATAD 122	Merits review of decision to deny application for provider law under <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law</i> (NSW). Unled.

Environment and planning

<i>AMP Macquarie Pty Limited v Valuer-General of NSW</i> [2022] NSWLEC 114	Appeal against Valuer-General's determination of land value. Led by A Galasso SC.
<i>Mullaley Gas and Pipeline Accord Inc v Santos NSW (Eastern) Pty Ltd</i> [2021] NSWLEC 110	Judicial review of development consent. Led by R Lancaster SC.
<i>Muswellbrook Shire Council v Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd (No 3)</i> [2019] NSWCA 216	Construction of development consent. Led by R Lancaster SC.
<i>Muswellbrook Shire Council v Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd (No 3)</i> [2018] NSWLEC 193	Judicial review and civil enforcement proceedings. Led by R Lancaster SC.

Criminal law and coronial inquests

<i>Inquest into the death of Bernard Gore</i> , November 2019 and July 2020	Appeared as counsel assisting. Led by A Mitchelmore SC.
<i>Environment Protection Authority v Hardman Chemicals Pty Ltd</i> [2020] NSWLEC 8	Sentencing. Non-compliance with licence condition. Unled.
<i>Secretary, Department of Planning and Environment v Singtel Optus Pty Ltd</i> [2019] NSWLEC 44	Proceedings on penalty. Led by R Lancaster SC.

Practice and procedure

<i>William Inglis & Son Limited v Australian Turf Club Limited</i> [2022] NSWSC 800	Waiver of legal professional privilege. Led by I Pike SC.
<i>Nature Conservation Council of NSW Inc. v Minister for Water, Property and Housing</i> [2022] NSWLEC 69	Application for leave to rely on expert evidence. Led by A Mitchelmore SC and A Shearer.
<i>Robinson v State of NSW</i> [2021] NSWSC 1571	Application for summary dismissal. Unled.
<i>White v UGL Operations and Maintenance Pty Ltd</i> [2021] FCA 587	Release from implied undertaking. Led by Y Shariff SC.
<i>Mullaley Gas and Pipeline Accord Inc v Santos NSW (Eastern) Pty Ltd</i> [2021] NSWLEC 24	Application for leave to rely on expert evidence. Unled.
<i>Przybylowski v Australian Human Rights Commission</i> [2020] FCA 198	Application for summary dismissal. Unled.
<i>Hy-Tec Industries (Queensland) Pty Ltd v Tweed Shire Council (No 2)</i> [2020] NSWLEC 5	Costs. Unled.
<i>De Varda v Austin</i> [2019] NSWCA 42	Leave to appeal. Led by S Callan (now SC).

Arbitration

<i>Muhammet Çap & Bankrupt Sehil İnşaat Endustri ve Ticaret Ltd. Sti. v. Turkmenistan</i> (ICSID Case No. ARB/12/6)	Investor-state arbitration. Unled.
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Disciplinary proceedings

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

<i>Kang v University of Sydney</i> [2022] NSWCATAD 135	Review of claim under <i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009</i> (NSW) (GIPA). Unled.
<i>EMC v University of Sydney</i> [2021] NSWCATAD 234	Review of claim under GIPA. Legal professional privilege. Unled.
<i>DRF v Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Force</i> [2019] NSWCATAD 5	Review of claim under <i>Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009</i> (NSW) (GIPA). Unled.

Opinions

Opinions on a number of areas, including corporations law, administrative law, migration law, tort, planning law, workers compensation law. Instructors include Herbert Smith Freehills, King & Wood Mallesons, MinterEllison, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, the Australian Government Solicitor, the NSW Crown Solicitor, Environment Protection Authority, Norton Rose Fulbright, Public Interest Advocacy

Centre, Hicksons Lawyers, Legal Aid NSW, Refugee Advice & Casework Service, YPOL Lawyers and Clayton Utz.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

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 KC, then Chief Justice of NSW, 2009

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

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, 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

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.