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ADMISSIONS **NSW BAR** May 2022

NSW SUPREME COURT August 2015

EDUCATION **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, LL.M., 2017**
Honours: Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar
Frank Knox Memorial Fellow
Dean's Scholar Prize for outstanding work in First Amendment

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, B.A. (Honours I) and LL.B. (Honours I), 2014
Honours: Caroline Munro Gibbs Prize (first in Torts)
Judicial Conference of Australia Social Justice Scholarship
Walter Reid Memorial Prize (x 2)
Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition, National
Champion
Justice William Gummow Intervarsity Equity Moot, winner
Sir John Peden Contract Law Moot, winner
Ernest Bramsted Prize for best Honours thesis in Modern or Medieval
European History
JHM Nolan Prize for proficiency in History

LEGAL EXPERIENCE **ELEVEN WENTWORTH, Barrister, Sydney** 2022 – present
Doyle's Guide, Leading Administrative & Public Law Barristers 2024 – 2025
Christopher Gee QC Memorial Prize for Advocacy 2022

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CENTRE, Lawyer, Sydney 2017 – 2018

HON. JUSTICE GLEESON, FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA, Associate, Sydney 2015

HON. JUSTICE MEAGHER, NSW COURT OF APPEAL, Tipstaff, Sydney 2014

COMMUNITY **BAR COUNCIL, Councillor** 2024 – present

DUTY BARRISTER SCHEME, Volunteer 2022 – 2024

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS *The Constitutional Cost of Combatting Espionage and Foreign Interference*, 47
LAW SOCIETY JOURNAL 73 (2018)

Giving the Environment a Voice — The Landmark Decision of Brown v Tasmania, 32
AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENT REVIEW 34 (2018)

*The Half-Hearted Protection of Journalists' Sources: Judicial Interpretation of
Australia's Shield Laws*, 19 MEDIA & ARTS LAW REVIEW 325 (2014)

What's in a Name? Bloggers, Journalism, and Shield Laws, 33 COMMUNICATIONS
LAW BULLETIN 10 (2014)

SELECTED MATTERS

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

TCXM v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (reserved) – construction of statutory power to remove unlawful non-citizens (for Human Rights Law Centre as amicus curiae, led by N Wood SC)

Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Port Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd (reserved) – contracts for privatisation of ports alleged to contravene the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), derivative Crown immunity, issue estoppel, construction of deed of release (for fourth respondent, led by C Lenehan SC, instructed by MinterEllison)

State of New South Wales v Wojciechowska [2025] HCA 27 – Ch III of the *Constitution*, whether State tribunal exercises judicial power of the Commonwealth when hearing privacy complaints by interstate residents (for appellant, led by B Lim, instructed by CSO)

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd [2025] HCADisp 212-220 – special leave applications from Full Federal Court’s dismissal of appeal and application to re-open appeal (for respondents, led by J Sheahan KC, R Yezerski SC and C Mitchell, instructed by MinterEllison)

DVUI8 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs (withdrawn after visa conditions removed) – mandatory ankle monitor and curfew visa conditions imposed on applicant released from indefinite detention post-*NZYQ*, Ch III of the *Constitution* (for plaintiff, led by A Hochroth, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright)

FULL COURT OF THE FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd (Appeal) (2025) 310 FCR 170 – appeal from dismissal of defamation claim, challenging findings that Victoria Cross recipient committed murder (for respondents, led by N Owens SC and C Mitchell, instructed by MinterEllison)

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd (Reopening Application) (2025) 310 FCR 141 – application to re-open appeal to adduce further evidence, claim of miscarriage of justice requiring retrial (for respondents, led by J Sheahan KC, R Yezerski SC and C Mitchell)

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd (Admission of Recording) (2025) 310 FCR 135 – admissibility of clandestine audio recording (for respondents, led by J Sheahan KC, R Yezerski SC and C Mitchell)

Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd (2025) 308 FCR 153 – contracts for privatisation of ports alleged to contravene the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), issue estoppel, deed of release (for fourth respondent, led by S Free SC, instructed by MinterEllison)

Babet v Electoral Commissioner (2023) 300 FCR 81 – challenge to Electoral Commissioner’s guidance on informality of certain votes ahead of Voice referendum, standing of Senator and electors (for respondent, led by S Free SC and B Lim, instructed by AGS)

DMH20 v Minister for Home Affairs (2023) 296 FCR 256 – indefinite detention, challenge to *Al-Kateb v Godwin* (2004) 219 CLR 562 (for appellant, led by A Hochroth, instructed by Ryan Payten Le)

NEW SOUTH WALES COURT OF APPEAL

Illawarra Basketball Club Pty Ltd v National Basketball League Pty Ltd (ongoing) – arbitration clause, stay of preliminary discovery application (for respondent, led by P Herzfeld SC and T O’Brien, instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler)

Jarrett v State of New South Wales (reserved) – constitutional challenge to provisions allowing restriction of public assemblies after a terrorist act (for State, led by B Lim SC, instructed by CSO)

Commissioner of Police v Ritson [2023] NSWCA 300 – Tribunal’s power to order police to provide personal information, application of *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) to requests for personal information, statutory construction (for Privacy Commissioner, led by B Lim)

Wojciechowska v Secretary, Department of Communities and Justice [2023] NSWCA 191 – Ch III of the *Constitution*, whether NCAT exercises Commonwealth judicial power when hearing certain applications, application of *Burns v Corbett* (for respondent, led by B Lim, instructed by CSO)

Secretary, Department of Education v Derikuca [2023] NSWCA 94 – appellant’s power to place former contractor at school sites on “Not To Be Employed” List (for appellant, led by S Free SC, instructed by CSO)

Hancock v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (2022) 409 ALR 638; [2022] NSWCA 152 – commercial arbitration, whether Supreme Court decision on challenge to arbitrator may be appealed, cross-vesting legislation (for ninth and tenth respondents, led by P Herzfeld SC, instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)

OTHER APPELLATE COURTS

Boyle v Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions [2024] SASCA 73 – scope of immunity from criminal and other liability for making a disclosure under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* (Cth) (for Human Rights Law Centre as amicus curiae, led by P Herzfeld SC and M Hamlyn)

FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Led

Service Seeking Pty Limited v Levitt (ongoing) – claim of breach of directors’ duties and fiduciary duties (for respondents, led by P Herzfeld SC and J Entwisle, instructed by Cornwalls)

DVUI8 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs (ongoing) – false imprisonment, assault and battery claim for time in immigration detention and subsequent visa conditions (for plaintiff, led by A Hochroth SC with L Dargan, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright)

Credit Suisse Virtuoso SICAV-SIF – Credit Suisse (Lux) Supply Chain Finance Fund v Insurance Australia Ltd – insurance claim arising from Greensill collapse (for Credit Suisse Funds, led by M Jones SC, R Yezerki SC, A Smith, A Zheng, A Campbell, instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)

ZMJ v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (reserved) – tort claim for time in immigration detention, injunction application preventing removal to Nauru (for applicant, led by N Wood SC, instructed by Refugee Legal)

Alford v AMP Superannuation Pty Limited (settled) – class action claiming breach of superannuation trustees’ duties (for applicants, led by P Collinson KC and A Hochroth, instructed by Maurice Blackburn and Slater & Gordon)

Wertheim v Haddad [2025] FCA 720 – claim under s 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) (for applicants, led by P Braham SC with J Chen, instructed by Deutsch Miller)

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd (Interlocutory Rulings) [2025] FCA 504 – strike out of amended interlocutory application to reopen appeal, strike out of affidavit, setting aside of subpoenas to give evidence (for respondents, led by J Sheahan KC, R Yezerki SC and C Mitchell, instructed by MinterEllison)

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd (Privilege judgment) [2025] FCA 499 – waiver of privilege (for respondents, led by J Sheahan KC, instructed by MinterEllison)

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 414 – application to set aside subpoenas and notice to produce (for respondents, led by R Yezerki SC, instructed by MinterEllison)

Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd (No 4) [2024] FCA 538 – contracts for privatisation of ports alleged to be anti-competitive, issue estoppel, deed of release (for fourth respondent, led by I Ahmed SC, instructed by MinterEllison)

Arrotex Pharmaceuticals Pty Limited v Minister for Health and Aged Care [2024] FCA 522 – operation of Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme’s price disclosure scheme (for applicant, led by B Lim, instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler)

Deripaska v Minister for Foreign Affairs [2024] FCA 62 – constitutional challenge to autonomous sanctions regime, judicial review of decision to declare and designate the applicant (for respondent, led by P Herzfeld SC, instructed by AGS)

Babet v Electoral Commissioner [2023] FCA 1126 – challenge to Electoral Commissioner’s guidance on informality of certain votes ahead of Voice referendum, standing of Senator and electors (for respondent, led by S Free SC and B Lim, instructed by AGS)

Australian Electoral Commission v Kelly [2023] FCA 854 – prosecution of former federal MP for breach of electoral law (for applicant, led by C Tran, instructed by AGS)

Al Muderis v Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd – lay evidence and pre-trial appearances in defamation claim arising from *60 Minutes* investigation (for respondents, led by M Collins KC and L Barnett, instructed by Thomson Geer Lawyers)

DMH20 v Minister for Home Affairs [2022] FCA 1054 – indefinite detention, challenge to *Al-Kateb v Godwin* (2004) 219 CLR 562 (for applicant, led by A Hochroth, instructed by Ryan Payten Le)

Faisal al Nusif Trading Co LLC v Hamburg Südamerikanische Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft A/S & Co KG (discontinued) – shipping claim, for loss of cargo (for respondent, led by J Kennedy, instructed by Clyde & Co)

Unled

Probis Financial Services Pty Ltd (administrators appointed) v Kong (No 2) [2024] FCA 550 – leave to issue subpoena in New Zealand (for respondent, instructed by A&O Shearman)

Waqqa v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2023] FCA 990 – judicial review of AAT’s decision not to revoke visa cancellation, failure to consider representations about minor siblings (for applicant, instructed by Kinslor Prince Lawyers)

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Led

Lees v State of New South Wales [2026] NSWSC 58 – challenge to declaration under *Major Events Act 2009* (NSW) in relation to Israeli President’s visit (for defendant, led by B Lim SC, instructed by CSO)

Illawarra Basketball Club Pty Ltd v National Basketball League Pty Ltd [2025] NSWSC 1111 – application for stay of preliminary discovery application, construction of arbitration clause (for respondent, led by P Herzfeld SC and T O’Brien, instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler)

Watters v Independent Commission Against Corruption [2025] NSWSC 933 – judicial review, Commission’s power to make factual findings where no finding of corrupt conduct (for defendant, led by S Free SC, instructed by CSO)

Seaforth Securities Pty Limited v Zoya Investments Pty Limited [2024] NSWSC 1061 – private nuisance and negligence, contamination of neighbouring property (for plaintiff, led by J Hutton SC, instructed by Rush Legal)

Commissioner of Police v Ritson [2023] NSWSC 854 – statutory construction, application of *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) to requests to public sector agencies for personal information under privacy law (for Privacy Commissioner, led by B Lim)

Elwood v Director of Public Prosecutions [2023] NSWSC 772 – appeal from Local Court, committal of accused where case conference process ongoing and no plea entered (for plaintiff, led by N Broadbent, instructed by ALS)

Ings v Racing NSW [2022] NSWSC 1127 – judicial review of disqualification of racehorse trainer (for Racing NSW, led by O Jones)

Hancock v Rinehart [2022] NSWSC 1025 – suppression order to protect confidentiality of commercial arbitration (for the first defendant, led by P Herzfeld SC, instructed by Speed & Stracey Lawyers)

Unled

Wojciechowska v State of New South Wales (reserved) – judicial review of NCAT decisions (for the State, instructed by CSO)

Wojciechowska v Commissioner of Police, New South Wales Police Force [2026] NSWSC 201 – application to amend originating process (for the Commissioner, instructed by CSO)

Lawrence v Commissioner of Corrective Services [2024] NSWSC 855 – application to set aside subpoena (for Commissioner, instructed by CSO)

Coster v Compass Housing Services Co Ltd t/as Home in Place [2022] NSWSC 1067 – appeal from decision of NCAT Appeal Panel upholding decision to terminate plaintiff's social housing tenancy in her absence (for plaintiff, instructed by Legal Aid NSW)

DISTRICT COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Led

GRC Project Pty Ltd t/as GRC Property Management v Lai [2023] NSWDC 63 – application for early hearing on serious harm (for defendant, led by J Mack)

R v DR (NSW District Court, 2022) – sexual assault trial (for accused, led by N Broadbent)

Unled

Learmont v SAS Trustee Corporation – application for superannuation allowance under the *Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act* (for defendant, instructed by State Super)

AB v State of New South Wales (NSW District Court, settled) – claim for damages for false imprisonment, assault and battery by police (for plaintiff, instructed by Rebecca Dunlop Legal)

Nemr v Lombardo (NSW District Court, dismissed by consent) – whether pleaded case met “serious harm” threshold under *Defamation Act* (for defendants)

OTHER COURTS

Led

Save The Robots v Council of the City of Sydney [2025] NSWLEC 149 and 150 – s 56A and development control order appeals in relation to billboard at Taylor Square (for respondent, led by A Shearer SC, instructed by Council)

Carey-Evans v Wu [2022] NSWLEC 144 – whether valid easement for view (for applicant, led by S Free SC, instructed by Dentons)

Unled

ARH23 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2025] FedCFamC25 1513 – judicial review of decision of Immigration Assessment Authority (for applicant, instructed by Legal Aid NSW)

Whippy v State of NSW (Federal Circuit and Family Court) – human rights complaint against State, application for maximum costs order (for respondent, instructed by CSO)

Georges v Georges (NSW Local Court) – existence of loan contract, intention to form legal relations (instructed by Kreisson Legal)

INQUIRIES AND INQUESTS

Led

NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, counsel assisting the Operation Mantis public inquiry into corruption allegations concerning Canterbury-Bankstown Council employee, contractor and others (2024) – led by G Huxley

Inquest into the disappearance and suspected death of Melissa Caddick (NSW Coroners Court, 2022-2023) – led by L Gyles SC, for the NSW Police Commissioner

Unled

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ Hate Crimes (2023) – for witness in private hearing

ARBITRATIONS

Confidential arbitration – construction of contract, contract alleged to effect unlawful restraint of trade (led by J Hutton SC, instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)

TRIBUNALS

Led

Zillman v NSW Treasury [2025] NSWCATAD 161– administrative review of decision to refuse access to information under *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) (for third party, led by Z Heger, instructed by Mills Oakley)

Unled

Lock The Gate Alliance v Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (NCAT, reserved) – application for access to government information, whether documents provided by mining companies to Department protected by client legal privilege (for applicant, instructed by EDO)

MPZB and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2023] AATA 2192 – review of decision not to revoke visa cancellation of Iraqi citizen (for applicant, instructed by Legal Aid NSW)

Elevate Education Pty Ltd and Australian Securities and Investments Commission [2023] AATA 84 – whether names “nearly identical” under *Business Names Registration Act 2011* (Cth), whether Tribunal may consider validity of delegated legislation (for applicant, instructed by SBA Lawyers)

Aparekka v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue [2022] NSWCATAD 333 – *Constitution*, s 117, whether surcharge purchaser duty provisions in *Duties Act 1997* (NSW) discriminate based on State of residence (for respondent, instructed by CSO)

PYCS and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs [2022] AATA 4426 – review of decision not to revoke visa cancellation of young Afghan citizen (for applicant, instructed by Legal Aid NSW)

Ornelas and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2022] AATA 3182 – review of decision not to revoke visa cancellation (for applicant, instructed by Legal Aid NSW)

Several applications for termination of social housing residential tenancy agreements at NCAT, for tenant, instructed by Legal Aid NSW

OPINIONS

Various opinions on issues including competition law, contracts, regulatory law, constitutional law, migration, statutory construction, administrative law, and police torts.