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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 - NSW	2024
	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	<i>The Constitutional Cost of Combatting Espionage and Foreign Interference</i> , 47 LAW SOCIETY JOURNAL 73 (2018)	
	<i>Giving the Environment a Voice — The Landmark Decision of Brown v Tasmania</i> , 32 AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENT REVIEW 34 (2018)	
	<i>The Half-Hearted Protection of Journalists' Sources: Judicial Interpretation of Australia's Shield Laws</i> , 19 MEDIA & ARTS LAW REVIEW 325 (2014)	
	<i>What's in a Name? Bloggers, Journalism, and Shield Laws</i> , 33 COMMUNICATIONS LAW BULLETIN 10 (2014)	

SELECTED MATTERS

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

State of New South Wales v Wojciechowska (reserved) – 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)

DVUI8 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs (withdrawn) – mandatory ankle monitor and curfew visa conditions imposed on those released from indefinite detention, Ch III of the *Constitution* (for plaintiff, led by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] FCAFC 67 – 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 (Appeal) [2025] FCAFC 66 – application to re-open appeal to adduce further evidence, claim of miscarriage of justice requiring retrial (led by J Sheahan KC, R Yezerski SC and C Mitchell)

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd (Admission of Recording) [2025] FCAFC 68 – admissibility of clandestine audio recording (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] FCAFC 43 – 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; [2023] FCAFC 164 – 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; [2023] FCAFC 31 – 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

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

Alford v AMP Superannuation Pty Limited – 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 – claim under s 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) (for applicants, led by P Braham SC, instructed by Deutsch Miller)

Re Service Seeking Pty Limited – derivative leave application under the *Corporations Act* (for directors, led by P Herzfeld SC and J Entwisle, instructed by Cornwalls)

DVU18 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs – claim for damages for false imprisonment for time spent in indefinite immigration detention (for plaintiff, led by A Hochroth with L Dargan, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright)

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

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 Yezerski 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 Yezerski 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)

Waga 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

Watters v Independent Commission Against Corruption (reserved) – 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

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 NSW

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 (NSW District Court) – application for superannuation allowance under the *Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act* (for defendant)

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

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 (Federal Circuit and Family Court, reserved) – 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 (NCAT, reserved) – 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) – application for access to government information, client legal privilege (for applicant, instructed by EDO)

Hume Community Housing Association Co Ltd v SG (NCAT) – termination of residential tenancy (for respondent, instructed by Legal Aid NSW)

NSW Land and Housing Corporation v CD (NCAT) – termination of residential tenancy (for respondent, instructed by Legal Aid NSW)

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)

OPINIONS

Various opinions on questions concerning competition law, contracts, regulatory law, constitutional law, statutory construction, administrative law, and police torts.