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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 – 2026
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)

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SELECTED APPEARANCES

HIGH COURT / APPELLATE

- *TCXM v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] HCA 13 – power to remove unlawful non-citizens (led by N Wood SC)
- *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Port Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd* [2026] HCA 12 – *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), issue estoppel, deed of release (led by C Lenehan SC)
- *State of New South Wales v Wojciechowska* (2025) 283 CLR 148 – Ch III of the *Constitution,* judicial and administrative power (led by B Lim)
- *DVU18 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (High Court, withdrawn after visa conditions removed) – Ch III of the *Constitution*, ankle monitor and curfew visa conditions (led by A Hochroth)
- *Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd* [2025] HCADisp 212-220 – special leave applications from dismissal of appeal and re-opening application (led by J Sheahan KC, R Yezerski SC and C Mitchell)
- *Illawarra Basketball Club Pty Ltd v National Basketball League Pty Ltd* [2026] NSWCA 182 – stay, arbitration clause, preliminary discovery (led by P Herzfeld SC and T O'Brien)
- *Jarrett v State of New South Wales* (2026) 119 NSWLR 285 – implied freedom of political communication, public assemblies (led by B Lim SC with A Khadra)
- *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd* (2025) 308 FCR 153 – competition law, issue estoppel, deed of release (led by S Free SC)
- *Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd (Reopening Application)* (2025) 310 FCR 141 – re-opening appeal, claim of miscarriage of justice (led by J Sheahan KC, R Yezerski SC and C Mitchell)
- *Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd (Appeal)* (2025) 310 FCR 170 – defamation, findings of murder (led by N Owens SC and C Mitchell)
- *Boyle v Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions* (2024) 145 SASR 354 – *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* (Cth) (led by P Herzfeld SC and M Hamlyn)
- *Babet v Electoral Commissioner* (2023) 300 FCR 81 – Voice referendum, Electoral Commissioner's guidance, standing (led by S Free SC and B Lim)
- *Commissioner of Police v Ritson* [2023] NSWCA 300 – personal information, statutory construction (led by B Lim)
- *Wojciechowska v Secretary, Department of Communities and Justice* [2023] NSWCA 191 – Ch III of the *Constitution*, judicial and administrative power (led by B Lim)

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- *Secretary, Department of Education v Derikuca* [2023] NSWCA 94 – "Not To Be Employed" List (led by S Free SC)

- *DMH20 v Minister for Home Affairs* (2023) 296 FCR 256 – indefinite detention, challenge to *Al-Kateb* (led by A Hochroth)

- *Hancock v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd* (2022) 409 ALR 638; [2022] NSWCA 152 – commercial arbitration, challenge to arbitrator (led by P Herzfeld SC)

COMMERCIAL

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- *Service Seeking Pty Limited v Levitt* (Federal Court, ongoing) – derivative claim, directors' duties (led by P Herzfeld SC and J Entwisle)

- *Villefranche Investments Pty Ltd v ASP Aluminium Holdings* (Supreme Court, ongoing) – oppression, directors' duties (led by R Yezerski SC and T O'Brien)

- *QSuper Board Pty Ltd v AIG Australia Limited* (Supreme Court, ongoing) – indemnity claim, liability insurance (led by S Lawrance SC)

- *Credit Suisse Virtuoso SICAV-SIF – Credit Suisse (Lux) Supply Chain Finance Fund v Insurance Australia Ltd* (Federal Court, settled) – misleading or deceptive conduct, Greensill collapse (led by N Hutley SC, R Yezerski SC, A Smith)

- *Alford v AMP Superannuation Pty Limited* (Federal Court, settled) – class action, superannuation trustees' duties (led by P Collinson KC, A Hochroth and S Chordia)

- *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd (No 4)* [2024] FCA 538 – competition, issue estoppel, deed of release (led by I Ahmed SC)

- *Illawarra Basketball Club Pty Ltd v National Basketball League Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWSC 1111 – stay application, arbitration clause, preliminary discovery (led by P Herzfeld SC and T O'Brien)

- Confidential arbitration – construction of contract, restraint of trade (led by J Hutton SC)

Unled

- *Coster v Compass Housing Services Co Ltd t/as Home in Place* [2022] NSWSC 1067 – appeal from NCAT Appeal Panel, termination of tenancy

- *Learmont v SAS Trustee Corporation* (District Court) – superannuation allowance under the *Police Regulation (Superannuation) Act*

- *Georges v Georges* (Local Court) – contract

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PUBLIC LAW

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- *Lees v State of New South Wales* [2026] NSWSC 58 – declaration under *Major Events Act 2009* (NSW), Israeli President's visit (led by B Lim SC)
- *Watters v Independent Commission Against Corruption* [2025] NSWSC 933 – judicial review, power to make factual findings (led by S Free SC)
- *Arrotex Pharmaceuticals Pty Limited v Minister for Health and Aged Care* [2024] FCA 522 – Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, statutory construction (led by B Lim)
- *Deripaska v Minister for Foreign Affairs* [2024] FCA 62 – constitutional challenge to sanctions regime, judicial review (led by P Herzfeld SC)
- *Commissioner of Police v Ritson* [2023] NSWSC 854 – personal information, statutory construction (led by B Lim)
- *Babet v Electoral Commissioner* [2023] FCA 1126 – Voice referendum, Electoral Commissioner's guidance, standing (led by S Free SC and B Lim)
- *Australian Electoral Commission v Kelly* [2023] FCA 854 – prosecution for breach of electoral law (led by C Tran)
- *DMH20 v Minister for Home Affairs* [2022] FCA 1054 – challenge to *Al-Kateb* (led by A Hochroth)
- *Ings v Racing NSW* [2022] NSWSC 1127 – judicial review, disqualification (led by O Jones)
- *Zillman v NSW Treasury* [2025] NSWCATAD 161– government information (led by Z Heger)

Unled

- *Wojciechowska v State of New South Wales* [2026] NSWSC 736 – judicial review of NCAT decisions
- *ARH23 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2025] FedCFamC25 1513 – judicial review of Immigration Assessment Authority decision
- *Waqa v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FCA 990 – judicial review of AAT decision
- *Lock The Gate Alliance v Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure* [2026] NSWCATAD 138 – government information, client legal privilege
- *MPZB and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] AATA 2192 – review of visa cancellation decision
- *Elevate Education Pty Ltd and Australian Securities and Investments Commission* [2023] AATA 84 – *Business Names Registration Act 2011* (Cth), validity of delegated legislation

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- *Aparekka v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2022] NSWCATAD 333 – *Constitution*, s 117, surcharge purchaser duty

- *PYCS and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2022] AATA 4426 – review of visa cancellation decision

- *Ornelas and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2022] AATA 3182 – review of visa cancellation decision

MEDIA AND DEFAMATION

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- *Al Muderis v Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd* (Federal Court)– defamation, subpoenas (led by M Collins KC and L Barnett)

- *GRC Project Pty Ltd t/as GRC Property Management v Lai* [2023] NSWDC 63 – defamation, serious harm (led by J Mack)

Unled

- *Nemr v Lombardo* (District Court, dismissed by consent) – defamation, serious harm

CRIME

Led

- *Elwood v Director of Public Prosecutions* [2023] NSWSC 772 – appeal from Local Court, committal (led by N Broadbent)

- *R v DR* (2022, District Court) – sexual assault trial (led by N Broadbent)

TORT

Led

- *DVU18 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (ongoing) – false imprisonment, assault, battery (led by A Hochroth SC with L Dargan)

- *Seaforth Securities Pty Limited v Zoya Investments Pty Limited* [2024] NSWSC 1061– private nuisance, negligence (led by J Hutton SC)

INQUIRIES AND INQUESTS

Led

- NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, counsel assisting the Operation Mantis public inquiry (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

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

HUMAN RIGHTS/DISCRIMINATION

- *Wertheim v Haddad* [2025] FCA 720 – s 18C, *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) (led by P Braham SC with J Chen)

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL

- *Save The Robots v Council of the City of Sydney* [2025] NSWLEC 149 and 150 – appeals, billboard at Taylor Square (led by A Shearer SC)
- *Carey-Evans v Wu* [2022] NSWLEC 144 – easement for view (led by S Free SC)

PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

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- *ZJMJ v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* (Federal Court, reserved) – injunction, removal to Nauru (led by N Wood SC)
- *Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd* [2025] FCA 414, 499 and 504 – strike out of application and evidence, setting aside subpoenas and notices to produce, waiver of privilege (led by J Sheahan KC, R Yezerski SC and C Mitchell)
- *Hancock v Rinehart* [2022] NSWSC 1025 – suppression order, commercial arbitration (for the first defendant, led by P Herzfeld SC, instructed by Speed & Stracey Lawyers)

Unled

- *Wojciechowska v Commissioner of Police, New South Wales Police Force (No 2)* [2026] NSWSC 961 – amendment application
- *Wojciechowska v Commissioner of Police, New South Wales Police Force* [2026] NSWSC 201 – amendment application
- *Australian Electoral Commission v Winfield* (2026, Federal Court) – urgent injunction during by-election, non-compliant corflute
- *Probis Financial Services Pty Ltd (administrators appointed) v Kong (No 2)* [2024] FCA 550 – leave to issue subpoena in New Zealand
- *Lawrence v Commissioner of Corrective Services* [2024] NSWSC 855 – application to set aside subpoena

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