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Professional

2024–Present	Barrister, Eleven Wentworth
2021–2024	Senior Lawyer (Civil Regulation), Australian Government Solicitor
2023–2024	Associate to the Honourable Justice (later Chief Justice) Stephen Gageler AC, High Court of Australia
2021–2022	Casual Academic, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney
2014–2021	Litigation Associate, Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, New York, USA
2014	Junior Research Scholar, New York University School of Law
2013	Legal Officer, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
2012–2013	Researcher to the Common Law Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Education

2014	LLM, International Legal Studies, New York University School of Law Jerome Lipper Award for Distinction in LLM Program Hauser Global Scholar Thomas M Franck Scholar in International Law
2012	BA (Hons I & University Medal) / LLB (Hons I), University of Sydney Various prizes including the Nancy Gordon Smith Prize (ranked 3rd in LLB), NSW Justices' Association Prize & Pitt Cobbett Prize for Administrative Law, Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance, University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize, Prize for Most Proficient in Combined Law III, Outstanding Achievement Scholarship National & World Champion, Philip C Jessup International Law Moot

Admissions

2020	United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
2017	Eastern District of New York
2016	Southern District of New York
2015	Supreme Court of the State of New York
2013	Supreme Court of New South Wales High Court of Australia

Selected matters

High Court

Forestry Corporation of New South Wales v South East Forest Rescue Incorporated [2025] HCA 15: Statutory construction – special interest standing to enforce public law duties arising under *Forestry Act 2012* (NSW) (for the appellant, led by N Hutley SC, D Hume and J Taylor, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright)

La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council & Anor v Quarry Street Pty Ltd (2025, reserved): Statutory construction – whether leasing of land constitutes “use” of land for purposes of *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW) (for the respondent, led by B Lim, instructed by Hall & Wilcox)

Court of Appeal of New South Wales

Della Bruna v Health Care Complaints Commission (2025, reserved): Administrative law – findings of professional misconduct against healthcare practitioner for off-label prescribing (for the Health Care Complaints Commission, led by Z Heger SC and D New)

HNOE Limited v Angus & Julia Stone Pty Ltd [2024] NSWCA 271: Practice and procedure – stay of proceedings based on exclusive jurisdiction clause in favour of High Court of Justice in London (for the appellants, led by P Flynn SC, instructed by Simpsons Solicitors)

McTye v Chang [2025] NSWCA 3: Statutory construction – *Motor Accident Injuries Act 2017* (NSW) and historical road transport legislation (for the appellant, led by P Herzfeld SC, instructed by McInnes Wilson Lawyers)

Court of Criminal Appeal for New South Wales

R v Rose [2024] NSWCCA 193: Sentencing – Crown appeal against inadequacy of sentence for offence of break and enter and commit a serious indictable offence (for the respondent, led by T Quilter, instructed by Quill Legal)

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Angus & Julia Stone Pty Ltd v HNOE Limited (Commercial List, 2025, ongoing): Costs – application for gross sum costs order following successful appeal (for the respondent and applicant for costs, led by P Flynn SC, instructed by Simpsons Solicitors)

Bai v Canberra Future Property Pty Ltd [2024] NSWSC 1273: Practice and procedure – application for transfer of proceedings to Supreme Court of Victoria under cross-vesting legislation (for the first and second defendants, unled, instructed by TNS Lawyers)

iSAM Securities (UK) Ltd v Press [2024] NSWSC 1036: Preliminary discovery – misleading or deceptive conduct (for the defendant, led by O Jones, instructed by O’Loughlin Westhoff)

Stanton Road Partners Pty Ltd v Zeppelin Holdco Pty Ltd (Commercial List, 2025, resolved): Contract law – incentive fee payable to financial advisor under Engagement Letter (for the defendant, led by J Hutton SC, instructed by Ashurst)

Full Federal Court

Arrotex Pharmaceuticals Pty Limited v Minister for Health and Aged Care [2025] FACFC 22: Statutory construction – provisions of *National Health Act 1953* (Cth) governing pricing under Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (for the appellant, led by B Lim, instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler)

Federal Court

Brickworks Ltd & Anor v BGC (Australia) Pty Ltd & Midland Brick Pty Ltd, NSD 949/2023 (resolved): Competition law – alleged contraventions of ss 46 and 50 of *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) (for the respondents, led by M Hodge KC and others, instructed by Quay Law Partners)

Marketlend Pty Ltd v BCC Trade Credit Pty Ltd & Ors, NSD919/2022 (ongoing): Negligence and misleading or deceptive conduct claims against insurer and insurance broker, and related claims (for the respondent insurance broker, led by A D'Arville, instructed by McLachlan Thorpe Partners)

Other courts and tribunals

Australian Salaried Medical Officers Federation of NSW v State of New South Wales (Industrial Court of NSW, 2025, reserved): Construction of State awards – eligibility of medical officers on fixed-term contracts for temporary loadings (for the defendant, led by O Jones, instructed by MinterEllison)

Narraport Woollahra Holdings Pty Ltd v Ice Box Liquor Pty Ltd and NSW Independent Liquor & Gaming Authority [2024] NSWCATAP 240: Administrative law – appeal from decision granting packaged liquor licence (for the second respondent, led by Z Heger SC, instructed by CSO)

Ware v Volkswagen Group Australia Pty Ltd and Alto Prestige Pty Ltd (NCAT Consumer and Commercial Division, 2025, ongoing): Consumer law – claim under Australian Consumer Law alleging breach of consumer guarantees in respect of allegedly defective vehicle (for the respondents, unled, instructed by Addisons)

Cryton Investments No 9 Pty Ltd v The Owners – Strata Plan No 72642 (NCAT Consumer and Commercial Division, 2025, ongoing): Strata law – application under *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015* (NSW) arising out of failure to maintain and repair common property (for the applicant, unled, instructed by McLachlan Thorpe Partners)

GNX v Children's Guardian and NSW Commissioner of Police (NCAT Administrative and Equal Opportunity Division, 2025, ongoing): Summary dismissal – claim for removal from Child Protection Register and suspension of reporting obligations under *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000* (NSW) (for the respondents, unled, instructed by CSO)

Other

Advices (led and unled) for individual, corporate, not-for-profit and federal and State government clients spanning various areas of law, including statutory construction, commercial, competition, tort, property, constitutional, administrative, and environmental and planning law