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Education

2020-2021	Master of Laws, University of Sydney
2012-2017	Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Sydney
2012-2015	Bachelor of Arts (History), University of Sydney
2010	Licenciate of Music (Flute Performance), Australian Music Examinations Board

Employment

2024-	Barrister, Eleven Wentworth
2024-	Reporter, New South Wales Law Reports
2023-2024	Counsel Assisting the Commonwealth Solicitor-General, Dr Stephen Donaghue KC
2022-2023	Associate to the Hon Justice J S Gleeson, High Court of Australia
2020-2022	Counsel (Senior Lawyer), Office of General Counsel, Australian Government Solicitor
2019-2020	Associate to the Hon Justice N Perram, Federal Court of Australia
2018-2019	Lawyer, Australian Government Solicitor
2018, 2022-	Sessional Academic, Australian National University (Public Law, Constitutional Law)
2017-2018	Policy Officer, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
2014-2018	Researcher, Sydney Law School
2013-2017	Paralegal, Summer Clerk and Head Paralegal, Allens

Selected matters

High Court of Australia

- *Queensland v Stradford* (2025) 99 ALJR 396 – common law defence to false imprisonment relying on a facially valid warrant; common law judicial immunity of inferior court judges (for the Commonwealth, led by S Donaghue KC, Solicitor-General, T Begbie KC and D Hume)
- *Kain v R&B Investments Pty Ltd atf the R&B Pension Fund & Ors* (reserved) – power of the Federal Court to make solicitors’ common fund orders under Pt IVA of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth) (for the First and Second Respondents, led by J Gleeson SC, S Hartford-Davis and D Morris)
- *La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council v Quarry Street Pty Ltd* (reserved) – meaning of “use” in s 36(1)(b) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW) (for the Second Respondent, led by Z Heger SC)
- *Abdel-Hady v Minister for Home Affairs* (ongoing) – claim for damages for false imprisonment arising from *NZYQ* (2023) 97 ALJR 1005 (for the Commonwealth parties, led by S Donaghue KC, Solicitor-General, T Begbie KC and J Davidson)
- *Pearson v State of New South Wales* (ongoing) – constitutional validity of ss 11 and 12 of the *Surveillance Devices Act 2004* (NSW) (for the State, led by M Sexton SC, Solicitor-General, and J Davidson)
- *Imad v Director-General of Security* [2025] HCADisp 46 – duty of procedural fairness in furnishing an adverse security assessment (for the Director-General, led by P Herzfeld SC and T Liu)

Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia

- *Imad v Director-General of Security* (2024) 305 FCR 523– public interest immunity over documents relating to adverse security assessment of applicant – duty of procedural fairness in furnishing an adverse security assessment while applicant in Gaza (for the Director-General, led by P Herzfeld SC and T Liu)
- *Prasad v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* (reserved) – whether denial of procedural fairness in adverse credibility findings about witnesses (for the Minister, led by B Kaplan)

Federal Court of Australia

- *Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty Ltd v Light & Wonder, Inc. (No 2)* [2025] FCA 64 – application for mandatory interlocutory injunctions to restrain misuse of confidential information (for the First and Second Respondents, led by P Flynn SC and M Fleming)
- *AHA18 v Minister for Immigration* (ongoing) – appeal from Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia – judicial review of decision by Immigration Assessment Authority affirming decision to refuse appellant a protection visa (for the Appellant, led by O Jones)
- *Bradlow & Bock v Australian Electoral Commissioner* (ongoing) – statutory interpretation and constitutional validity of provisions of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth) concerning nomination of “job-sharing” candidates for Commonwealth Senate (for the Commonwealth, led by P Herzfeld SC and C Ernst)
- *LQZW v Commonwealth of Australia* (ongoing) – claim for damages for false imprisonment arising from *NZYQ* (2023) 97 ALJR 1005 (for the Commonwealth, led by P Knowles SC and T Liu)
- *McGinn v Australian Information Commissioner* (ongoing) – judicial review of a decision not to proceed with an investigation under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (for the Commissioner, unled)

Supreme Court of New South Wales

- *Darley v City of Parramatta Council* (ongoing) – application for judicial review in relation to censure motion of a Councillor under the *Local Government Act 1993* (NSW) (for the Council, led by E Holmes SC)

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

- *KOF24 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* (ongoing) – application for judicial review of decisions refusing grant of a protection visa (for the Minister, unled)

New South Wales Land and Environment Court

- *Bandjalang Aboriginal Corporation Prescribed Body Corporate v Transport for NSW; Yaegl Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation v Transport for NSW* (ongoing) – related claims for compensation arising from acquisitions or purported acquisitions of land and native title rights and interests (for Transport, led by H El-Hage SC and M Parker)

Administrative Review Tribunal

- *Bunnings and Privacy Commissioner* (ongoing) – consistency of Bunnings’ use of facial recognition technology with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (for the Applicant, led by R Higgins SC and S Hartford-Davis)

Advice work

- Advice on issues of constitutional law, statutory construction, administrative law, native title, and appeal prospects, for corporate and government clients, as well as not-for-profit entities and private litigants

Community involvement

2020-	ACT Convenor, Australian Association of Constitutional Law
2016-	Director and Chair of the Board, Inner City Legal Centre
2014-2016	Director and Vice President, University of Sydney Union

Scholarships and awards

2024	Peteris Ginters Prize (First Place in the Ethics Bar Exam), NSW Bar Association
2024	Katrina Dawson Award, NSW Bar Association
2020	Professor Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Law Scholarship, Sydney Law School
2018	National Winner, Young Lawyers' Golden Gavel
2016	Life Membership for Contribution to Student Life, University of Sydney Union
2014-2015	Concert Performer's Scholarship, International Flute Summer School, Italy