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Education

- 2021 – 2022 **Master of Laws – Columbia University**
- Fulbright Scholarship
 - Eleanor Sophia Wood Postgraduate Travelling Scholarship and J.B. Watt Travelling Scholarship (both awarded by the University of Sydney)
 - James Kent Scholar (highest academic honours)
 - Whitney North Seymour Medal
 - Associate to Judge Richard Sullivan, U.S. Court of Appeals (Second Circuit), and Judge Kiyo Matsumoto, U.S. District Court (Eastern District of New York)
- 2014 – 2018 **Bachelor of Laws (Hons) / Bachelor of Economics – University of Sydney**
- First in combined Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Economics cohort
 - Justice Stanley Vere Toose Memorial Prize

Admissions

- 2023 **Called to the New South Wales Bar**
2020 **Admitted to the High Court of Australia**
2019 **Admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales**

Professional Experience

- 2023 – **Barrister – Tenth Floor Chambers**
2022 – 2023 **Solicitor – Herbert Smith Freehills**
2021 – 2022 **Associate – Clifford Chance**
2020 – 2021 **Associate to the Hon Justice Michael Wigney – Federal Court of Australia**
2016 – 2020 **Lawyer – Clayton Utz**

Professional Recognition

- 2024 **Recommended Competition Law Junior Counsel, Australia (Doyle's Guide)**

Areas of Practice

Michael has a broad practice and accepts briefs in all areas of law. He has particular experience and interest in commercial, competition and consumer, intellectual property, corporations, and insolvency matters. Within these areas, he has worked extensively in class actions, appellate, and regulatory proceedings. He also has experience in investigations, inquiries, and s. 155 / s. 19 examinations.

Selected Cases

Competition Law

- *ACCC v Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd & Anor*, Federal Court of Australia (listed for hearing 13 April to 5 June 2026 | led by R Higgins SC, C Bannan, and T Epstein | instructed by Baker McKenzie)
- *ACCC v Spotless Facility Services Pty Ltd & Ors*, Federal Court of Australia (listed for hearing March 2027 | led by M Hodge KC, C Exell, and S Chordia | instructed by Australian Government Solicitor)
- *ACCC Part IV matter (confidential)* (ongoing | led by M Collins KC, S Lawrance SC, C Cunliffe, J Watson, and A Muhlebach | instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright)
- *ACCC Part VII authorisation* (ongoing | led by D Roche SC | instructed by Banki Haddock Fiora)
- *Applications by Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and Suncorp Group Limited* [2024] ACompT 1 (led by C Moore SC, P Strickland, and T Rogan | instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills | not required to appear at final hearing)
- *In the matter of Hard Rock Enterprises Pty Ltd* (court-enforceable undertaking accepted by the ACCC | unled | instructed by CS Lawyers)
- *Australia Eastern Railroad Pty Ltd v Genesee & Wyoming, Inc*, Supreme Court of New South Wales (settled | led by C Moore SC, D Sulan SC, J Kennedy, and M Parker, with J Ibrahim | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan)

Consumer Law

- *ACCC v Optus Mobile Pty Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by S Finch SC and A Campbell | instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills)
- *ACCC v Ausnew Home Care Service Pty Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by J Arnott SC | instructed by Arida Lawyers)
- *JMC Automotive Group Pty Ltd v Airbus Australia Pacific Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | unled | instructed by Banki Haddock Fiora)
- *R J Edwards Plumbing Pty Ltd v Fair Dinkum Caravans Pty Ltd & Anor*, District Court of New South Wales (ongoing | unled | instructed by Arida Lawyers)
- *ACCC v Emma Sleep GmbH & Ors*, Federal Court of Australia (reserved | led by D Tynan | instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth | not required to appear at final hearing)
- *Parents for Climate Ltd v EnergyAustralia Pty Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (settled | led by K Morgan SC and S Hartford-Davis | instructed by Ashurst)

Intellectual Property

- *BCI Media Group Pty Ltd v CoreLogic Australia Pty Ltd & Ors*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by J Hennessy SC and C McMeniman | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)
- *Lift Shop Pty Ltd v Next Level Elevators Pty Ltd & Anor*, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (ongoing | led by J Hennessy SC and M Fleming | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin); [2025] FedCFamC2G 273; [2024] FedCFamC2G 1300

- *Pentana Solutions Pty Ltd v Titan Dealer Management Solutions Pty Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by F St John | instructed by Collin Biggers & Paisley Lawyers)
- *Lift Shop Pty Ltd v Lioe & Easy Living Home Elevators Pty Ltd*, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (ongoing | led by C McMeniman | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)
- *Lift Shop Pty Ltd v Next Level Elevators Pty Ltd & Ors*, Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia (reserved | led by J Hennessy SC and M Fleming | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)
- *APRA Ltd v United Cinemas Australia*, District Court of New South Wales (settled | led by M Hall SC | instructed by Banki Haddock Fiora)

Corporations & Insolvency

- *Triumph Metals & Minerals Australia Pty Ltd v BCC Trade Credit Pty Ltd & Ors; Zircon Australia Pty Ltd v BCC Trade Credit Pty Ltd & Ors*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | acting for Marsh (Singapore) Pte Ltd | led by C Colquhoun SC and R Jedrzejczyk | instructed by HFW Australia)
- *Dexus Capital Investment Services Pty Ltd & Ors v Australian Pacific Airports Corporation Limited* (ongoing | acting for Rest Nominees No. 2 Pty Ltd | led by C Colquhoun SC | instructed by Jones Day); [2025] NSWSC 519
- *APRA disqualification notice under Financial Accountability Regime Act 2023 s. 42* (ongoing | acting for individual director | led by S Tame | instructed by Ashurst)
- *Krejci (liquidator) v Panella, in the matter of Richmond Lifts Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2025] FCA 151 (acted for third party subject to search order | led by J Jaffray | instructed by McEvoy Legal)
- *In the matter of Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund Ltd (and WorkCover Queensland)* [2024] NSWCA 317; [2024] NSWSC 1163; [2024] NSWSC 1238 (acted for James Hardie 117 Pty Ltd | led by J Lockhart SC | instructed by McCullough Robertson Lawyers)
- *In the matter of Balamara Resources Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1309 (acted for plaintiff | led by S Balafoutis SC, with M Taylor | instructed by KMD Law)
- *Park, in the matter of IG Power (Callide) Ltd (Administrators Appointed)* [2024] FCA 1245 (settled | acted for Sev.en Global Investments a.s. | led by C Withers SC, with N Lennings | document production orders obtained unled | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan)
- *Sparks, in the matter of IG Energy Holdings (Australia) Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)* [2024] FCA 673; [2024] FCA 648; [2024] FCA 613 (settled – administrators removed, indemnity costs awarded | acted for Sev.en Gamma a.s. | led by C Withers SC and A Lyons | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan)
- *Sev.en Gamma a.s. v IG Power (Callide) Ltd (Administrators Appointed) ACN 082 413 885* [2024] FCA 30 (led by C Withers SC | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan)
- *ASIC disqualification notice under Corporations Act 2001 s. 206F* (no disqualification order made against individual director | led by D Studdy SC | instructed by McCullough Robertson Lawyers)
- *ASIC v Latitude Finance Australia & Harvey Normal Holdings Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (confidentiality orders obtained for interested party | unled | instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills)

- *Squillaciotti v Zmisa & Ors*, Supreme Court of New South Wales (settled | led by S Lawrance SC | instructed by Somerville Legal)

Contract & Equity

- *He v Bu & Chen*, Supreme Court of New South Wales (ongoing | led by S Lawrance SC | instructed by JC Legal Practice)
- *Hills v Gooden* [2024] NSWCA 95 (unled | instructed by Kent McRae Lawyers)
- *Camnet Finance Pty Ltd v St. Elizabeth Home*, District Court of New South Wales (settled | led by R Clark | instructed by Mitry Lawyers); [2024] NSWSC 501
- *Stewart v Neove Pharma Australia Pty Ltd* (unreported, Local Court of New South Wales, 2024 | unled | instructed by Juris Cor Legal)

Class Actions

- *Brady v NULIS Nominees (Australia) Ltd in its capacity as trustee of the MLC Super Fund*, Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by B Walker AO SC, S Habib SC, and C McMeniman | instructed by William Roberts Lawyers); [2025] FCA 588; [2025] FCA 128; [2024] FCA 1374
- *Bain v International Capital Markets Pty Ltd & Anor*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by D Thomas SC and R Zambelli | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan); [2024] FCA 847; [2024] FCA 283; [2024] VSC 455
- *Donnelly v Allergan Pty Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by S Habib SC, R Francois, and K Morris | instructed by William Roberts Lawyers)
- *Sinclair v Sony Interactive Entertainment Inc*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by L Armstrong KC and S Snow | instructed by Phi Finney McDonald)
- *Karpik v Carnival plc (The Ruby Princess)*, Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia (reserved | led by J Sexton SC and C Ernst | instructed by Shine Lawyers)
- *R and N Hunter Pty Ltd atf the Hunter Family Superannuation Fund v Count Financial Limited* [2025] FCA 544 (led by C Withers SC, T Bagley, and B O'Connor | instructed by Piper Alderman)
- *Shimshon v MLC Nominees Pty Ltd* [2025] VSC 208 (acted for proposed intervener | led by S Habib SC | instructed by William Roberts Lawyers)
- *Williams & Kersten Pty Ltd v National Australia Bank Limited* [2025] FCA 155; [2024] FCA 1031 (led by W Edwards KC | instructed by William Roberts Lawyers)

Public Law

- *Alice Smith (a pseudonym) v State of New South Wales* [2025] NSWSC 305 (unled | instructed by Makinson d'Apice Lawyers)
- *The Law Society of New South Wales v Attorney General of New South Wales; ABC Insurance Pty Ltd v The Law Society of New South Wales* [2024] HCASL 332; [2024] HCASL 331; [2024] NSWCA 90 (special leave sought by ABC Insurance Pty Ltd refused with costs | led by K Morgan SC and S Fitzpatrick SC | instructed by Clayton Utz)
- *Chan v Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission* [2023] FCA 1538 (led by J Emmett SC and B Rauf | instructed by Ashurst)

Selected Cases as a Solicitor

- *Applications by Telstra Corporation Ltd and TPG Telecom Ltd* [2023] ACompT 2; [2023] ACompT 1 | for Singtel Optus Ltd | merger authorisation, Pt VII of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (“CCA”)
- *ACCC v Booktopia Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 194 | penalty proceeding, misleading or deceptive conduct
- *Epic Games Inc v Apple Inc* [2021] FCAFC 122; [2021] FCA 338 | *Epic Games Inc v Google LLC* [2022] FCA 66 | private international law; Pt IV of the CCA
- *Port of Newcastle v Glencore Coal Assets* [2021] HCA 39 | Pt IIIA access regime under the CCA
- *Application by Port of Newcastle* [2022] ACompT 1; [2021] ACompT 1 | for authorisation applicants | collective bargaining authorisation, confidentiality
- *Application by NSW Minerals Council* [2021] ACompT 5; [2021] ACompT 4; [2021] ACompT 2; [2021] ACompT 2 | Pt IIIA access regime under the CCA, production of documents, costs
- *Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd v The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority* [2020] NSWCA 40; [2020] NSWSC 53 | legal professional privilege under the *Royal Commissions Act 1923* (NSW)
- *ACCC v Pacific National Pty Ltd* [2020] FCAFC 77; [2019] FCA 669 | contested merger, CCA s. 50

Selected Publications

Books

- *Current Issues in Competition Law: Vol 1 – Context and Interpretation* (Federation Press, 2021) (with S Puttick) | cited in *ACCC v Australasian Food Group Pty Ltd* [2022] FCA 308; Commonwealth Treasury, ‘Merger Reform: Consultation Paper’ (November 2023)
- *Current Issues in Competition Law: Vol 2 – Practice and Perspectives* (Federation Press, 2021) (with S Puttick)

Book chapters

- ‘The Competition and Consumer Act: Scope, Definitions, and Concepts’ in *Australian Competition Law in a Changing Context: A Handbook for Research, Teaching, and Practice* (Thomson Reuters, forthcoming)
- ‘Corporate Identity: Veils, Groups, and Attribution’ in *Bootmakers, Boards and Rogues: Issues in Australian Corporate and Securities Law* (Ross Parsons Centre, 2023) (with C Wong & Ors)
- ‘Digital Platform Acquisitions: Anti-competitive Mergers or Misuses of Market Power’ in *Current Issues in Competition Law: Vol 1 – Context and Interpretation* (Federation Press, 2021) (with D Poddar and J Sinn) | awarded 2021 Gaire Blunt Scholarship

Journal articles

- ‘Development of the Common Law by Analogy to Statute’ (2023) 97(12) *Australian Law Journal* 912 (with A Waldman)
- ‘Private Litigation Following Criminal Cartel Prosecutions – In Need of Assistance?’ (2023) 51(4) *Australian Business Law Review* 223 | awarded 2024 Baxt Prize
- ‘White Island and Accidents in New Zealand: Issues in Private International Law’ (2023) 97(3) *Australian Law Journal* 175
- ‘Can Context Mutilate Text’ (2022) 96(6) *Australian Law Journal* 392 (with Justice Basten)
- ‘Government Policy: Compulsory Consideration or Discretionary Decision’ (2022) 29(1) *Australian Journal of Administrative Law* 6
- ‘Natural Meaning Equals Natural Monopoly: New Declaration Criteria for Access to Services Under the Competition and Consumer Act’ (2020) 48(3) *Australian Business Law Review* 286
- ‘Concerted Practices and Statutory Interpretation: An Affirmation of the Jurisprudence on “Contracts, Arrangements and Understandings”’ (2019) 26(3) *Competition and Consumer Law Journal* 213