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BARRISTER

Tenth Floor Chambers, Sydney, NSW

September 2015 – Present

Selected Commercial Matters

- *In the matter of HIH Insurance Limited (in Liquidation) & Ors* (Supreme Court of NSW) – shareholder class actions and winding up (led by J Lockhart SC)
- *UGL Rail Pty Limited v Trox (Australia) Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of NSW) – building and construction (led by R Newlinds SC)
- *Adcock Private Equity v Porges* (Supreme Court and Court of Appeal of NSW) – misleading or deceptive conduct and contract (led by P Crutchfield QC)
- *John Armour v Australian Executive Trustees (SA) Limited* (Supreme Court of NSW) – equity and contract (led by J Lockhart SC)
- *King v Adams* (Supreme Court and Court of Appeal of NSW) – equity and contract (led by L Gyles SC)
- *SAI Global v Jones* (Supreme Court of NSW) – contract (led by J Hennessy SC)
- *Lynch & McKenzie v Cash Converters International & Ors* (Federal Court of Australia) – class-actions regarding credit legislation (led by E Collins SC and I Ahmed)
- *Chung-Yi Pty Limited v Chang* (Supreme Court of NSW) – equity and corporations (led by L Gyles SC)
- *Lonsdale v RailCorp* (Supreme Court of NSW) – contract (unled)
- *Vella v Sultana* (Supreme Court of NSW) – equity and contract (unled)

Selected Negligence & Insurance Matters

- *Coote v Kelly* (Court of Appeal of NSW) – negligence (led by R Sheldon SC)
- *Leech v KFC & Anor* (Supreme Court of NSW) – negligence (led by N Chen SC)
- *BG & P Pty Ltd v Zurich Insurance Australia* (District Court of NSW) – insurance (led by N Chen SC)
- *McKerlie v Any Time Fitness* (District Court of NSW) – negligence (led by N Chen SC)

Selected Other Matters

- *Shellharbour Council v Minister for Local Government & Ors* and *Ku-ring-gai Council v West & Ors* (Land & Environment Court and Court of Appeal of NSW) – Class 4, Council amalgamation proceedings (led by G Kennett SC and V McWilliam)
- *Seymour & Sweeney v ASIC; Bersten v ASIC* (AAT) – Corporations Act regulatory (led by K Morgan SC)
- I have regularly appeared in the Federal Court and Supreme Court in applications concerning liquidations, receiverships and administrations

EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

LL.M. received May 2014

Walter Gellhorn Prize (1st in class of 284)

James Kent Scholar (Honors equivalent)

University of New South Wales, Kensington, NSW

Bachelor of Laws (Honors) received March 2008

Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Science received March 2005

PRIOR LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Ashurst, Sydney, NSW

Senior Associate (Dispute Resolution)

August 2014 – July 2015

I worked on two Federal Court proceedings by the liquidator of Tamaya Resources Limited (NSD327/2014) and its shareholders (NSD529/2014) against Tamaya's former directors and auditor.

MFY Legal Services, Inc., New York, NY

Volunteer Lawyer

August 2013 – July 2014

I worked within MFY's Disability & Aging Rights Project, a nonprofit legal service, representing New Yorkers with disabilities on two class actions concerning the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Ashurst, Sydney, NSW

Senior Associate (Dispute Resolution)

July 2012 – July 2013

Lawyer (Dispute Resolution)

March 2009 – June 2012

Graduate (Corporate and Dispute Resolution)

March 2008 – February 2009

Summer Clerk & Paralegal (Corporate and Dispute Resolution)

December 2006 – February 2008

Commercial Matters

I worked on a variety of commercial, contractual, product liability, insurance and class action matters at Ashurst including:

- *Oasis Fund Management Limited and Royal Bank of Scotland NV & Ors* [2012] NSWSC 532
- *Westpac Banking Corporation ACN 007 457 141 & Ors v The Bell Group Ltd ACN 008 666 993 (in liq) & Ors* [2009] WASCA 166

Professional Negligence & Disciplinary Matters

I worked on a number of professional negligence and disciplinary matters at Ashurst including representing medical practitioners, nurses and KPMG. Published decisions include:

- *Harris v Bellemore* [2010] NSWSC 176 and [2011] NSWCA 196
- *Tabet v Gett* [2009] NSWCA 76 and [2010] HCA 12

Intellectual Disability Rights Service, Redfern, NSW

Volunteer Solicitor

Solicitor (full-time secondment from Ashurst)

March 2011 – July 2013

September 2010 – March 2011

I provided advice to clients with intellectual disabilities and drafted submissions on behalf of the Intellectual Disability Rights Service in relation to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

Supreme Court of New South Wales, 2008

High Court of Australia, 2008