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Education

- University of Sydney** 2023
- Master of Laws
 - Judge Samuel Redshaw Prize for Administrative Law
- University of New South Wales** 2018
- Bachelor of Laws – First Class Honours and University Medal
 - Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) with Distinction
 - First place in contracts, evidence and constitutional law

Admissions

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

Professional Background

- Barrister** | Tenth Floor Chambers *2023 – present*
- Reporter** | New South Wales Law Reports *2024 – present*
- Teaching Fellow** | University of New South Wales *2023*
- Tipstaff/Associate to the Hon Justice A J Meagher** | *2020 – 2021*
New South Wales Court of Appeal
- Solicitor** | Herbert Smith Freehills *2019 – 2020, 2022*
Practised in dispute resolution group

Selected Cases

Commercial and equity (including corporations, revenue and real property)

- *Guangzhou Huada Venture Capital No 1 Investment Enterprise (Limited Partnership) v Zbu* [2024] FCA 938 – for applicant; enforcement of foreign arbitral award (unled)
- *Unicomb v Blais* [2024] NSWSC 903 – for applicants; motion on application of Harman obligation to affidavits filed voluntarily (led by M Elliott SC)
- *Lee v ATL (Australia) Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWCA 327 – for respondent; commercial guarantee and indemnity (led by P Knowles SC)
- *Unicomb & Ors v Blais & Ors*, NSWSC (ongoing) – for plaintiffs; claim against estate for breach of executors duties (led by D Pritchard SC)

- *Uber Australia Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2024] NSWSC 1124 and [2024] NSWSC 1324 (costs) – for Commissioner; appeal against pay-roll tax assessment imposed on Uber (led by S Balafoutis SC and D Mitchell)
- *GSE v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue*, NCAT (ongoing) – for Commissioner; surcharge purchaser duty (unled)
- *Dixon & Dixon v Nationwide Property Brokers*, NSWDC (ongoing) – for plaintiffs; contract and debt claim (unled)
- *Grow Funding Pty Ltd v S Michael Cleaning Services Pty Ltd & Anor*, Local Court (ongoing) – for defendants; debt and enforcement of guarantee (unled)
- *Kline v Kline*, NSWSC (settled) – for plaintiff; s 66G application (unled)
- *Waterproofing Technologies Pty Ltd & Anor v Perri & Ors*, FCA (ongoing) – for applicants; breach of employment contract, fiduciary duties, statutory duties (led by A McInerney SC)
- *Angus Stubing & Ors v Hairul Lutfi & Ors*, FCA (settled) – for applicants; breach of directors duties, oppression (unled)
- *Yavenvale Pty Ltd & Ors v Southcity Shopping Holdings Pty Ltd & Ors*, FCA (ongoing) – for defendants/cross-claimants; oppression (led by S Balafoutis SC)

Administrative Law

- *FYK v Children’s Guardian* [2024] NSWCATAD 235 – for respondent; application for enabling order (unled)
- *FMG v Children’s Guardian*, NCAT (reserved) – for respondent; review of refusal to grant working with children’s clearance (unled)
- *FGO v Children’s Guardian*, NCAT (reserved) – for respondent; applicant for enabling order (unled)
- *GGY v Children’s Guardian*, NCAT (ongoing) – for respondent; application for enabling order (unled)
- *Guan v Australian Securities and Investments Commission*, AAT (ongoing) – for respondent; review of banning order under *Corporations Act*, s 920A (led by M Ellicott)
- Advising statutory body on potential challenge to Ministerial decision-making

Select Publications

- ‘According to the Length of the Legislature’s Foot – Equity and the *Civil Liability Act*’ (2022) 96(3) *Australian Law Journal*
- ‘Revisiting the Amerind Appeal – Consequences for Insolvent Trustees of More than One Trust’ (2022) 30(1) *Insolvency Law Journal*
- ‘Peremptory Mandamus in Australian Administrative Law’ (2021) 28(1) *Australian Journal of Administrative Law*
- ‘The Right to Reasons and the Courts’ Supervisory Jurisdiction’ (2020) 41(2) *Adelaide Law Review*
- ‘A Comparative Analysis of Product Intervention Powers in Australia and the United Kingdom’ (2020) 38(4) *Company and Securities Law Journal*

- 'Dollars and Sense: Giving Contracts a 'Commercial' Construction' (2020) 34(2) *Commercial Law Quarterly*
- 'Trustee Rights and Powers: A Taxonomical Analysis' (2020) 32 *Bond Law Review*
- 'Equitable Damages and Mitigation of Loss' (2019) 47(3) *Australian Bar Review*
- 'High Tide for Deeds of Company Arrangement? A Critical Review and Comment on *Mighty River International Limited v Hughes* [2018] HCA 38' (2019) 26(3) *Company and Securities Law Journal*
- 'The Future of the Fettering Rule in Judicial Review' (2019) 38(1) *University of Tasmania Law Review*
- 'Domestic Care Services and *Lord Campbell's Act*' (2018) 25(1) *Tort Law Journal*
- 'Characterising Migration Directions as Legislative Instruments: Implications for Judicial Review' (2018) 24(4) *Australian Journal of Administrative Law*
- 'Editorial - Materiality and Jurisdictional Error' [2018] No 4 *University of New South Wales Law Journal Forum*
- 'Editorial' (2017) 40(4) *University of New South Wales Law Journal*

Other Achievements

- UNSW Law Journal Editorial Board (2015 – 2018). Editor in charge of Issue 40(4)
- Michael Coper Memorial Prize for ALSA Conference Paper Presentation 2018
- Runner Up and Best Speaker – Asia Pacific Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot 2018
- Winner, Best Speaker and Best Speaker in the Final – ALSA Red Cross Moot 2017
- Winner and Best Speaker in the Final – Castan Centre for Human Rights National Moot 2016
- Winner – King & Wood Mallesons ALSA Championship Moot 2015
- Winner and Best Speaker in the Final – Ashurst National Private Law Moot 2015