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Education

2023 – 2024 **Master of Laws – Columbia University**

- Highest Honors (top 2% of class)
- First Place in Comparative Constitutional Law
- Submissions Editor, *American Review of International Arbitration*

2021 – 2022 **Master of Laws – University of Sydney (Distinction)**

- Dean and Head of Law School Letter of Congratulations
- Ross Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Law Scholarship (2021, 2022), Walter Reid Memorial Prize I (2021) and Keith Steele Memorial Prize for First Place in International Commercial Arbitration (2022)

2016 – 2018 **Juris Doctor – University of Sydney (Distinction)**

2012 – 2015 **Bachelor of Commerce – University of New South Wales (Distinction)**

Admissions

2025 **Called to the New South Wales Bar**

2019 **Admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia**

Professional Experience

2025 **Senior Associate – Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer**

2021 – 2025 **Solicitor – Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer**

2020 – 2021 **Associate to the Hon Justice Geoffrey A Flick – Federal Court of Australia**

2017 – 2019 **Summer Clerk, Paralegal, Lawyer – MinterEllison**

Selected Matters as a Solicitor

WIJOAV Services Pty Ltd v Goldstone Private Equity Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 622; (No 2) [2025] FCA 684; (No 3) [2025] FCA 771; *Angel Holdco Pty Ltd v WIJOAV Services Pty Ltd* [2025] FCA 872 – for plaintiffs in oppression claim under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)

FEL17 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs [2025] HCA 13; (2025) 99 ALJR 775 – for appellant challenging refusal of a protection visa application under s 48A of the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth)

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd v Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia (Cth), Federal Court of Australia – for plaintiff in judicial review proceeding

Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility v Santos, Federal Court of Australia (judgment reserved) – for respondent in proceeding challenging its net zero scope 1 and 2 climate target as misleading and deceptive under the Australian Consumer Law and *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)

Environment Victoria v AGL Loy Yang & Ors [2022] VSC 814 – for AGL in judicial review proceeding challenging its power station licence conditions on the basis of the *Climate Change Act 2017* (Vic)

Patrick Stevedores v Essential Services Commission [2022] VSC 175 – for the Port of Melbourne in judicial review proceeding defending the regulatory review by the Essential Services Commission of funding arrangements

Advising a Committee of a House of Parliament (including advice on powers of suspension under standing orders and the powers of other government bodies)

Advising on acquisition on other than just terms and investment treaty arbitration, as well as other constitutional and administrative law issues

Advising on the application of the Australian Privacy Principles in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth)

Advising on issues arising under the *Online Safety Act 2021* (Cth)

Contractual advices (including on termination rights, breach of contract and indemnities), and competition and consumer law advices (including greenwashing; misuse of market power)

Publications

George Napier, ‘The “Non-Signatory” Dilemma in International Commercial Arbitration: An Inconsistent International Landscape’ (2023) 32(4) *Australasian Journal of Dispute Resolution* 232.

Mary Crock et. al (including George Napier), ‘Cases before Australian Courts and Tribunals concerning Questions of Public International Law 2021’ (2022) 40 *The Australian Yearbook of International Law* 377.