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EDUCATION

2014	Doctor of Philosophy in Law, Faculty of Law & St John's College, University of Oxford Commonwealth Scholarship & Oxford-Australia Scholarship
2011	Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction), Faculty of Law and Christ Church, University of Oxford Oxford-Australia Scholarship & University of Sydney Travelling Scholarship
2009	Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), University of Sydney, Australia
2007	Bachelor of Economics & Social Sciences (First Class Honours & University Medal), University of Sydney, Australia

ADMISSIONS

2026	Called to the Bar of New South Wales, Australia
2018	Called to the Bar of England and Wales (The Hon. Society of the Inner Temple)
2013	Admitted as Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales
2010	Admitted as Lawyer, Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Admin law · Arbitration · Banking & Financial Services · Building & Construction · Class Actions · Commercial · Common Law · Competition · Consumer Protection · Corporations · Employment · Equity · Technology · Tax

SELECTED HONOURS & AWARDS

2025	Fellow, Australian Academy of Law
2025	Women in Law Flos Greig Trailblazer Award
2024	Global Australian Award for Technology
2021	British Academy Talent Development Award
2020	UK Women of the Year (Finalist)
2019	Inaugural 40 Under 40 Most Influential Asian-Australians Award
2013	University of Sydney UK Alumni Association Award
2009	Young Australian of the Year (NSW Finalist)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 –	Barrister , Tenth Floor Chambers, Sydney
2024 – 2026	Head of School, School of Private and Commercial Law , University of New South Wales <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leadership of 35 full-time and 70-80 casual academics who teach private and commercial lawTeaching: Contracts (LLB), Artificial Intelligence Law and Governance (LLM/JD); contribute guest lectures to the University of Oxford's Law and Computer Science postgraduate courseIndustry engagement: project lead on the UNSW & AMP Partnership on Responsible AI (developed AMP's new Responsible AI principles, governance and monitoring framework)Member of the Law Society of NSW Privacy & Data Law Committee and LawtechUK Panel (advisory board to the UK Ministry of Justice to support innovation and adoption of lawtech)Lead Organiser, Next 100 Years of Women Lawyers event, NSW Parliament, July 2025
2022 – 2024	Chair/Professor of Commercial Law , School of Law, University of Exeter, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Academic Lead: leadership of commercial, corporate and private law academicsCo-Director, Centre for Commercial and Corporate LawTeaching: International Arbitration (LLM) & International Commercial Law (LLM)Supervised 6 PhD students in the fields of commercial law and arbitrationMember, Futures Group, advisory committee to the Civil Justice Council of England and Wales, tasked with developing a roadmap for the administration of justice in 2030

- Independent Member, Senior Data Governance Panel, advisory panel to the Judiciary, HMCTS and Ministry of Justice to support data policy development and decisions
 - UK Representative, G7 Taskforce on Governance for a Digitalised Society
 - Member, UNIDROIT Working Group on Digital Assets and Private Law
- 2020 – 2023 **Inaugural Head of China Practice, Seven Pillars Law**
- Built and led the Greater China practice for an international law firm headquartered in the Astana International Financial Centre with offices in London, Dubai, Cape Town & Tel Aviv
 - Advised corporate and government clients on cross-border commercial transactions, dispute resolution and regulatory matters, particularly in technology and financial services sectors
- 2020 – 2022 **Director of Commercial Postgraduate Programs and Associate Professor**, School of Law, University of Reading, UK
- Convened and taught Advanced International Commercial Law Issues
- 2019 – 2020 **Founder & Director of Research, Deep Tech Dispute Resolution Lab**, University of Oxford
- Founded the first lawtech research and innovation lab at Oxford: led 12 PhD researchers in law and computer science on projects with WIPO, LawtechUK and UK Ministry of Justice
- 2017 – 2020 **Fellow in Chinese Commercial Law**, St Hugh's College, University of Oxford.
Director of Studies in Law, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford
- Appointed to the first post in Chinese law at Oxford.
 - Taught Contract, Tort, Labour Law and Legal Research Methods to undergraduate students
 - Examined DPhil and MPhil theses on dispute resolution and commercial law
 - Member of the BCL/MJur and undergraduate admissions committees
- 2014 – 2017 **Assistant Professor**, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 2009 **Trainee Solicitor**, Linklaters LLP, London
- 2007 **Summer Clerk, Mallesons Stephen Jacques**, Sydney and Hong Kong
- 2006 **Associate, Australian Industrial Relations Commission**, Sydney

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2025 – Advisory Council Member, Asia Society Australia
- 2024 – Board Member, Global Australians (formerly Advance Global Australians)
- 2020 – Board Member, Australia Studies Institute, King's College London
- 2019 – Member, World Economic Forum Expert Network
- 2019 – Advisory Board Member, Asia Pacific Legal Innovation and Technology Association
- 2021 – 2023 Advisory Board Member, Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation, UK Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
- 2020 – 2024 Co-founder and Director, Deriskly Limited (AI spinout from Oxford)
- 2020 – 2023 Member, Astana International Financial Centre Legal Tech Advisory Council
- 2020 – 2023 Expert (Digital Governance), Inclusive Governance Initiative, Chatham House
- 2019 – 2021 External Expert, World Bank Task Force on Access to Justice and Technology
- 2019 – 2021 Technical Lead, Prosperity Fund China Business Environment Programme, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
- 2006 – 2017 Consultant, International Labour Organization, Beijing and Geneva
- 2007 – 2008 Vice President (Education), Australian Law Students Association

VISITING & HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

- 2025 Visiting Professor, University of Zurich Faculty of Business, Economics & Informatics
- 2023 Honorary Professor, School of Law and Justice, University of Newcastle, Australia
- 2023 Visiting Fellow, University of Oxford Martin School
- 2020 Visiting Professor, Peking University School of Transnational Law
- 2019 Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute for Studies on AI and the Law, Tsinghua University
- 2017 Edwards Fellow (Visiting Scholar), Columbia Law School

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Australian Academy of Law
- Banking and Financial Services Law Association
- International Bar Association
- Society for Computers and Law (UK)

ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES

Cantonese (fluent) and Mandarin (fluent).

SELECTED KEYNOTES & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Keynote, 'Demystifying AI Governance', Asia Society Executive Briefing, August 2025
- Keynote, 'Reflections on 50th Anniversary of the Racial Discrimination Act', Racial Justice Dinner, June 2025
- Featured Panel, 'The AI and Technology Deep Dive', Law Society of NSW Annual Conference, October 2024
- Keynote, 'Diversity & the Law', Asian Australian Lawyers Association Mentoring Program Launch, May 2024
- Keynote, 'Generative AI and Implications for ADR', Maxwell Chambers, Singapore, September 2023
- Plenary Speaker, Future of Technology in Arbitration Global Conference, London, September 2022
- Keynote, 'The Robo-Risk-Advisor: The Promise and Peril of AI for Insurance Broking', UNIBA Partners Annual Conference, Barcelona, October 2022
- Keynote, 'Decentralised Justice: New Frontiers in ADR', CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution European Conference, September 2020
- Featured Panel, 'Reimagining Arbitration Technology and the Pandemic', Hong Kong Arbitration Week, October 2020
- Keynote, 'How AI and Machine Learning may Transform Dispute Resolution', Outer Temple Chambers Annual Conference, February 2020
- Plenary Speaker, 'The Future of Commercial Dispute Resolution', Global Dispute Resolution Conference, Pepperdine Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution, November 2019

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- M Ebers and M Zou (eds) *The Artificial Intelligence Act: Article-by-Article Commentary* (Hart/Beck 2026).
- M Zou, C Poncibò, M Ebers and R Calo (eds) *Cambridge Handbook of Generative AI and the Law* (Cambridge University Press 2025)
- M Zou & L Wang, 'Navigating China's regulatory approach to generative artificial intelligence and large language models' (2025) 1 *Cambridge Forum on AI: Law and Governance*, e8
- M Cheung & M Zou, 'Resolving Wrongs in Algorithmic Contracting: Applications of the Doctrines of Unconscionability' (2025) 48(4) *UNSW Law Journal* 1399
- M Zou & E Lefley, 'A right to a human judge? Generative AI and Article 6 of the European Convention of Human Rights' in M Zou, C Poncibò, M Ebers & R Calo (eds) *Cambridge Handbook of Generative AI and the Law* (Cambridge University Press 2025)
- P Zivkovic, D McCurdy, M Zou & A H Raymond, 'Mind the gap: Tech-based dispute resolution for disputes in global supply blockchains' (2023) 66 *Business Horizons* 13
- Y Wang, M Zou & Z Wu, 'Force majeure and Covid-19: A Critical Assessment of Key Issues under the Chinese Civil Code' (2022) 38 *Journal of Contract Law* 61
- M Zou & H Liu, 'Penalty in the Contract of Employment' in E Bant, J Goudkamp, J Paterson & W Courtney (eds) *Punishment and Private Law* (Hart 2021)
- M Ebers, C Poncibò & M Zou (eds) *Contracting and Contract Law in the Age of Artificial Intelligence* (Hart 2022)
- M Zou, 'Code and Other Laws of Blockchain' (2020) 40 *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies* 645
- M Zou, 'An Empirical Study of Reforming Commercial Arbitration in China' (2020) 3 *Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal* 281
- M Zou, 'Smart Courts in China and the Future of Personal Injury Litigation' (2020) 2 *Journal of Personal Injury Law* 135
- M Zou, *Chinese Contract Law and the 2020 Civil Code* (LexisNexis 2020)
- M Zou, 'Virtual Justice in the Time of COVID-19' in H Eidenmüller, L Enriques, J Payne & K van Zwieten (eds), *COVID-19 and Business Law* (Hart 2020)
- M Zou, *An Introduction to Chinese Contract Law* (LexisNexis 2018)