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PROFESSIONAL

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| Since 2018 | Barrister , Banco Chambers |
| 2012 - 2018 | Solicitor , Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers (Litigation and Dispute Resolution) |
| 2011 - 2012 | Associate to the Hon Robert French, Chief Justice of Australia , High Court of Australia |
| 2009 - 2012 | Lecturer , Australian National University (Commercial Law, Law of Business Entities, Administrative Law) |

PRACTICE AREAS

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| Appellate | Equity |
| Building and construction | Inquiries and inquests |
| Class actions | Professional liability & discipline |
| Commercial law | Public law |
| Consumer law | Torts |

QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Laws, New York University

John Monash Scholarship, Hauser Global Scholarship

First place in: Quantitative Methods in Evidence; Regulation of Foreign Corrupt Practices; Financial Instruments and the Capital Markets

National award for best paper on dispute resolution, USA & Canada

Bachelor of Laws, Australian National University

First in Law with First Class Honours

Prizes and scholarships: First Place in Honours in Law; First Place in Final Year Law; First Place in Penultimate Year Law; First Place in Property, Equity & Trusts; First Place in Administrative Law; First Place in Constitutional Law; Australian National Undergraduate Scholarship; ANU Honours Scholarship;

Australian Military Law and Justice Centre Research Scholarship
(Constitutional Law)

Bachelor of Economics, Australian National University

Prizes and scholarships: Chancellor's Commendation for outstanding performance in economics; Chancellor's Commendation for outstanding performance in commerce; Award for most outstanding achievement in first year actuarial studies; Australian National Undergraduate Scholarship

RECENT CASES

Unled

Sinclair Recruitment Pty Ltd v Telstra Corporation Limited, NSWSC, 2019/307812 – contract, restitution, commercial

T Pty Ltd v Curnow & Anor, NSWSC, 2019/27758 – equity, restitution, fraud

Cedrus Investments Ltd v Abidin, NSWSC, 2017/230605 – commercial, contract, foreign judgments, debt

Big Money World Pty Ltd v Red Hair Entertainment Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2018/00332913 – property, consumer law, contract

Manusakis v National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2018/0791 – public law, administrative review

Salem & ors t/as Sparke Helmore v Nick Scali Limited, NSWSC, 2020/00121300 – debt, professional liability, contract, equity

Joliani v Abidin, NSWSC, 2019/00203708 – property, commercial

Nottle v National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2019/6488 – public law, administrative review

Yassin v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2019/00120671 – assault and battery, negligence, civil liability

WHRX v National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2018/3038 – public law, administrative review

Gabriel v State of New South Wales, NSWLC – property, police powers

Anastasis v NSW Trustee and Guardian, NSWLC, 2017/00146754 (unled) – bailment, conversion, contract, negligence

Inquest into the death of Mitchell Flood-Smith, Coroner's Court, 2017/228552 – coronial inquest

Led – Appellate

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Woolworths Group Limited, FCA, VID818/2019 (with Cameron Moore SC) – consumer law, misleading and deceptive conduct

State of New South Wales v Shepherd [2019] NSWCA 261 (with Lachlan Gyles SC) – evidence, failure to give reasons, civil liability, torts

State of New South Wales v Dargin [2019] NSWCA 47 (with David Bennett QC, Matthew Hutchings and Naomi Oreb) – torts, trespass, nuisance

Landpower Australia Pty Ltd v Penske Power Systems Pty Ltd [2019] NSWCA 161 (with Anne Horvath) – summary disposal, apportionment, civil procedure

Hands v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection [2018] FCAFC 225 (with Frances Gordon) – administrative law, migration

Pratten v State of New South Wales [2019] NSWCA 124 (with Matthew Hutchings) – torts, civil liability, police powers

Led - First instance

Duman v the Commonwealth, HCA, M36/2020 (with Ron Merkel QC and Christopher Tran) – constitutional law, citizenship

New Hope Corporation Limited v Northern Energy Corporation Limited (administrators appointed) [2019] NSWSC 879 (with Jeremy Giles SC, Noel Hutley SC with Fiona Roughley also appearing) - contract, rectification, representative proceedings

Anchorage Capital Master Offshore Ltd v Sparkes, NSWSC, 2018/104383 (with Robert Dick SC and David Sulan) – professional liability, contract, consumer law, torts, directors' duties

TX Australia Pty Limited v Australian Competition and Consumer Commission & Ors, FCA, NSD330/2020 (with Nicholas De Young) – public law, judicial review

In the Matter of Northern Energy Corporation Ltd (Administrators appointed) and Colton Coal Pty Ltd (Administrators appointed), FCA, 2058/2018 (with Jeremy Giles SC) – corporations, administration & insolvency

Super Vision Resources Ltd v Xu, NSWSC, 2017/364476 (with Robert Newlinds SC) - equity, freezing order, voidable transactions

Bank of Communications Co Ltd v Sparkes, NSWSC, 2019/00316305 (with Robert Dick SC and David Sulan) – professional liability, consumer law, directors’ duties, insolvency

In the matter of TDE Pty Ltd ACN 608 621 263, NSWSC, 392777/2019 (with Nicholas Bender) – commercial law, corporations, directors’ duties, oppression

Redlands Plains Pty Ltd atf the Majestic Investment Trust v Condamine Resources Ltd, FCA, NSD109/2019 (with David Sulan) – corporations, oppression

Cao v Apollo Phoenix Resources Pty Ltd ACN 158 977 881 & Ors, FCA, 1037/2018 (with Andrew Coleman SC) – corporations, oppression, contract

In the matter of A.C.N. 004 410 833 Limited (formerly Arrium Limited) (in liquidation) ACN 004 410 833, NSWSC, 00209100/2019 (with Robert Dick SC and David Sulan) – insolvent trading, directors’ duties, professional liability

Manly Property Holdings Pty Ltd v Bank of Queensland, NSWSC, 2017/286834 (with Michael Izzo SC) – mistaken payments, restitution, contract

Hemphill v Peter McCrohon trading in his capacity as trustee of the funds held in St George Bank controlled monies account numbered 554170394, NSWSC, 2017/388038 (with Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts, commercial

City West Housing Pty Ltd v AJ Lucas Operations Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2016/269844 (with Frank Hicks SC) – construction, contract, professional negligence

Jarvin v Roads and Maritime Services, NSWLEC, 2019/00197777 (with Kate Richardson SC) – contract, planning, summary dismissal

Pozza v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2017/346772 (with Michael Windsor SC) – negligence, intentional torts, personal injury

Shepherd v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2016/00202999 (with Lachlan Gyles SC) – assault, negligence, civil liability, personal injury

O'Sullivan v Australian Securities & Investments Commission, AAT, 2015/0837 (with Sera Mirzabegian) – corporations, directors' duties, disqualification

Peters v National Disability Insurance Agency, AAT, 2019/0906 (with Fiona Roughley) – public law, administrative review

Colbert by her tutor Fragar v Eurolinx Pty Limited as trustee for the Audax Superannuation Fund, NSWSC, 2015/193119 (with Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts, succession, breach of contract

Colbert by her tutor Fragar v Eurolinx Pty Ltd as trustee for the Colbert Security Trust, NSWSC, NSWSC, 2014/203375 (with Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts, succession

Dargin v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2017/140382 (with Matthew Hutchings) – trespass, nuisance, bail, civil liability

Alam v Giampietro t/as Legal & Company Solicitor & Anor, NSWDC, 2017/61840 (with Anne Horvath) – professional liability, contract, estoppel

Moka Nominees Pty Ltd atf the Mika Colbert Security Trust v Eurolinx Pty Ltd atf the Colbert Security Trust, NSWSC, 2014/215448 (with Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts

Breed v Boral Resources (NSW) Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2013/00198101 (with John Catsanos SC) – negligence, insurance, personal injury

BSA Ltd v Innovation and Science Australia, AAT, 2017/6765 (with Stephen Free SC) – tax, commercial law, public law

Bridge v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2018/00343302 (with Matthew Hutchings) – intentional torts, police powers, civil liability

Patronis v State of New South Wales, NSWDC, 2014/364550 (with Matthew Hutchings) – negligence, intentional torts, personal injury
Softbreeze Ltd v Cattle Company Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2014/210379 (with Jane Needham SC and Sebastian Hartford Davis) – equity, trusts, commercial

Karimbla Constructions Services (NSW) Pty Ltd v Keller Pty Ltd, NSWSC, 2018/260767 (with James Watson) – construction, equity, restitution, contract

Other

Commercial arbitration before the Hon R McDougall QC (with Richard McHugh SC and Tim Breakspear) – contract, building and construction, remedies

Commercial arbitration before the Hon PA Bergin SC (with Nuala Simpson)
– contract, building and construction, specific performance

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety (with John Sheahan QC, Sera Mirzabegian and Jane Buncle)