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I have a busy practice ranging from commercial disputes, contested and family law property disputes; defamation, breach of confidence, privacy and trade mark disputes to consumer law and cross-border insolvency litigation.

I frequently appear as lead Counsel in the Federal Court of Australia, Supreme Court of New South Wales and lower Courts and tribunals.

QUALIFICATIONS

2008	Called to the New South Wales Bar
2001	Admitted as a solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales
2000	Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney
1998	Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney
	Mediator (National Mediation Accreditation Scheme, 2022-current)

LISTINGS

Doyles Guide: leading Junior Counsel for technology, media and telecommunications matters (2022-2023)

World Trademark Review: ranked as leading expert, trademark litigation (2016 – 2020)

Doyles Guide: recommended Junior Counsel for technology, media, and telecommunications matters (2019 – 2021)

SELECT APPEARANCES - COMMERCIAL

Lian Fa International Dining Business Corporation v Mu, Federal Court of Australia NSD 1124 of 2021 (led by J Hogan-Doran SC) (ongoing): breach of franchise agreement, trademark.

Facebook Inc v Australian Information Commissioner [2022] FCAFC 9; 402 ALR 445: breach of privacy

JWR Productions Australia Pty Ltd v Gooding; JWR Productions Australia Pty Ltd v Duncan-Watt [2020] FCA 236; 377 ALR 467; 149 IPR 400: consumer protection, intellectual property, defamation

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority [2020] FCAFC 219: breach of privacy, appeal.

Australian Information Commissioner v Facebook Inc (No 2) [2020] FCA 1307: breach of privacy (led by K Richardson SC)

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority (No 3) [2019] FCA 1488: privacy, breach of confidence, negligence

Baron v Gilmore (Supreme Court of New South Wales, equity division, 2015/367495 - resolved): joint venture, trademark.

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority [2018] HCASL 367: application for removal of cause under s40 Judiciary Act

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority (No 2) (2018) 363 ALR 681; [2018] FCA 1270: application for recusal, apprehended bias

Evolution Traffic Control v Skerratt [2018] NSWSC 49: consumer protection; pre-contractual representations

Kim v SW Shipping Co Ltd (2016) 113 ACSR 260; [2016] FCA 428: recognition of foreign proceedings under the Cross Border Insolvency Model Law, admiralty, maritime liens

DEFAMATION, PRIVACY & MEDIA

Horan v Schieb: defamation, ongoing

Somerville v Schieb: defamation, ongoing

Murdoch v Private Media Pty Ltd (No 5) [2023] FCA 440: defamation (led by M Hodge KC); *Murdoch v Private Media Pty Ltd (No 4)* [2023] FCA 114 (led by M Hodge KC); *Murdoch v Private Media Pty Ltd* [2022] FCA 1275 (led by M Hodge KC)

Palmer v McGowan (No 5) [2022] FCA 893; 404 ALR 621: defamation (led by B W Walker SC); *Palmer v McGowan (No 3)* [2022] FCA 140 (led by B W Walker SC)

Facebook Inc v Australian Information Commissioner [2022] FCAFC 9; 402 ALR 445: breach of privacy

Porter v Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Federal Court of Australia NSD 206 of 2021: defamation (led by J T Gleeson SC and R Enbom KC) (settled)

Rubenstein v Wade [2021] Federal Court of Australia NSD 636 of 2021: defamation (settled)

V'landys v Australian Broadcasting Corporation (No 3) [2021] FCA 500: defamation (led by A T S Dawson SC)

Hewson v TCN Channel Nine Pty Ltd [2021] FCA 389: defamation (led by TD Blackburn SC)

JWR Productions Australia Pty Ltd v Gooding; JWR Productions Australia Pty Ltd v Duncan-Watt [2020] FCA 236; 377 ALR 467; 149 IPR 400: defamation, consumer protection and intellectual property

Australian Information Commissioner v Facebook Inc (No 2) [2020] FCA 1307: breach of privacy (led by K Richardson SC)

Roberts v Manning (No 2) [2020] NSWDC 525: defamation

V'landys v Australian Broadcasting Corporation (No 2) [2020] FCA 1264 (led by A T S Dawson SC)

Roberts v The Manning Community News Pty Ltd [2020] NSWDC 301: defamation

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority (No 3) [2019] FCA 1488: privacy, breach of confidence, negligence

Roberts-Smith v Fairfax Media Publications Pty Limited [2019] FCA 36: defamation, suppression order

Rush v Nationwide News Pty Limited (No 9) [2019] FCA 1383: defamation, final injunctive relief (led by T D Blackburn SC); *Rush v Nationwide News Pty Limited (No 8)* [2019] FCA 1382: application for recusal (led by T D Blackburn SC)

Husar v Buzzfeed Inc, Federal Court of Australia NSD2254 of 2018: defamation (settled)

Sebastian Kouzoukas v Federico Dordoni and Hugo's Manly NSWDC 284618 of 2018: defamation (settled)

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority [2018] HCASL 367: application for removal of cause under s40 Judiciary Act

DOQ17 v Australian Financial Security Authority (No 2) (2018) 363 ALR 681; [2018] FCA 1270: application for recusal, apprehended bias

Limontono v Buzzfeed Inc, Federal Court of Australia, NSD1916 of 2018 (settled): defamation

Domican v Pan Macmillan Australia Pty Ltd, Federal Court of Australia NSD1297 of 2018: defamation

Faruqi v Latham (No 2) [2018] FCA 1547: defamation

Jones v Williams (pseudonyms) [2018] NSWSC 954: defamation, application to extend limitation period, summary dismissal

Kelliher v Kambala [2018] NSWSC 101: defamation (led by A T S Dawson SC)

Rush v Nationwide News Pty Ltd (No 2) [2018] FCA 550: defamation, amendment, application to bring cross-claim (led by A Leopold SC)

Farrow v Nationwide News Pty Ltd (2017) 95 NSWLR 612; [2017] NSWCA 246: defamation, abuse of process (led by A T S Dawson SC)

PRESENTATIONS; MEMBERSHIPS & COMMITTEES

Tutor, NSW Bar Practice Course (2017 - 2023)

UTS Law Society Student Mentoring Programme (2022)

Chair, Media Law 2020, Legalwise seminars (November 2020)

NSW Bar Professional Conduct Committee (2018 - 2020)

Speaker, Law Council of Australia, Media and Communications seminar: “*Digital Platforms: the Future*” (November 2019)

Mentor, NSW Bar Association Mentoring Program (2018)

Speaker, NSW Bar Association, “*Advocacy in Federal Court interlocutory applications*” with the Hon Justice Jagot and Vanessa Whittaker SC (2017)

Speaker, University of NSW Continuing Professional Development, Media and Defamation, “*Developments in the Protection of Privacy Interests in Australia*” (2017)

Speaker, Communications and Media Law Association, “*Defamation, confidentiality and privacy in a pre-publication context*” (2017)