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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2020 – Present **Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers**
Barrister – Katrina Dawson Award Winner (2019)
- NSW Bar Association – New Barristers’ Committee (2022-2024)
 - NSW Bar Association – Diversity & Equality Committee (2023-2024)
- Feb 2020 – Aug 2020 **Westpac Banking Corporation**
Lawyer, Regulatory Investigations and Litigation
- Nov 2012 – Aug 2020 **King & Wood Mallesons**
Senior Associate and Solicitor, Dispute Resolution
- Lawyers Weekly 30 Under 30 Awards Winner, Dispute Resolution (2017)
 - Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards, Young Gun of the Year Finalist (2017)
 - Lawyers Weekly Women in Law Awards, Young Gun of the Year Finalist (2017)
- Nov 2018 – Apr 2019 **Commonwealth Bank of Australia**
Senior Legal Counsel, Major Disputes

PRACTICE

- Aug 2020 Called to the New South Wales Bar
- Nov 2014 Admitted to practice as solicitor in the High Court of Australia
- Oct 2014 Admitted to practice as solicitor in the Supreme Court of NSW

EDUCATION

- 2016 – 2017 **Masters of Laws (Distinction)**
University of Sydney - Russ Waite Parsons Postgraduate Coursework Scholarship
- 2009 – 2013 **Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours and University Medal)**
University of Western Sydney
- Adams Family Prize for Best Law Honours Dissertation (‘Consequential Loss in Commercial Contracts’)
 - LexisNexis Award in Remedies
 - de Groot Award in Wills & Succession
 - Whitlam Institute Prize in Law & Public Policy
 - School of Law Dean’s Merit List Scholar (2010-2013)
 - Awarded ‘Best Speaker’ by Justice Fullerton (2011), Hon Michael Kirby QC (2012) and Mr Sully AM QC (2011 & 2012) at the Robert Hayes Mooting Championship

SELECT MATTERS AS COUNSEL

CLASS ACTIONS

- *Zonia Holdings Pty Ltd v Commonwealth Bank of Australia (1085/2017); Baron & Anor v Commonwealth Bank of Australia (1158/2018)*: Advising and appearing for CBA in defending a shareholder class action arising from the AUSTRAC proceedings announcement (led by Noel Hutley SC and Elizabeth Collins SC, with Imtiaz Ahmed, Tim Kane) – class action, continuous disclosure, misleading or deceptive conduct, prospectus – [2024] FCA 477 (Yates J).
- *Ashita Tomi Pty Ltd as trustee for the Esskay Super Fund & Ors v RCR Tomlinson Ltd trading as RCR Tomlinson Ltd (2018/353304)*: Advising and assisting plaintiffs in preparation of pleadings and evidence in a claim by shareholders for loss arising from failed solar farms (led by Elizabeth Collins SC, with Patrick Meagher and Hugh Atkin, settled) – shareholder class action, continuous disclosure, misleading or deceptive conduct, prospectus – settlement approval judgment of Nixon J pending.

CORPORATIONS, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND REGULATORY

- *Australian Securities and Investments Commission v National Australia Bank Limited (VID1362/2019)*: Advising and appearing for *National Australia Bank* in civil penalty proceedings brought by ASIC alleging false or misleading representations and general obligations breaches for service and fee disclosure statement failures (led by David Thomas SC, with Tamara Phillips, James Braithwaite) – regulatory, financial services – [2021] FCA 1013 (Davies J).
- *Xiuyan Guan & Ors v Australian Securities and Investments Commission (2021/221351)*: Advising on and appearing in the successful reinstatement of *Quan Fu Developments Pty Ltd* (a deregistered company) (appeared unled in reinstatement application) – corporations.
- *Nelson & Robertson Exports Pty Ltd v Nelson & Robertson International Pty Ltd & Ors (2021/209212)*: Advising and appearing for defendants in a claim for breach of contractual and fiduciary duties, breach of director's duties (unled, ongoing) – corporations, contract law, equity.
- *Confidential (multiple matters)*: Advising and appearing for various employees of organisations at mandatory examinations by regulators (unled) – regulatory.

CONSUMER, CONTRACTS AND TORTS

- *Trustee Linkara Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Karathanassis Family Trust ABN 33 790 316 374 v Telstra Corporation Limited (2020/287807)*: Advising and appearing for Telstra in relation to a breach of contract claim (unled) – contract law – [2022] NSWDC 211 (Abadee J).
- *Patrick Stevedores Operations No. 2 Pty Ltd & Anor v Port of Melbourne Operations Pty Ltd (VID356/2021)*: Advising and assisting plaintiff in preparation of lay evidence for a claim alleging breaches of Australian Consumer Law (led, negotiated settlement) – consumer law.

- *Megan Taylor v Apple Pty Ltd (NCAT 21/00588)*: Advising and appearing for Apple Pty Ltd in defending consumer guarantees claim (unled, negotiated settlement – proceedings discontinued) – consumer law.
- *Lucy Ruschuklian v Credit Corp Limited and Ors (2020/51788)*: Advising on and appearing for Telstra Corporation Limited defending a claim by a former customer (unled, summary dismissal) – consumer law.
- *Pizza Pan Group Pty Ltd v Paul Souma & Anor (2020/304052)*: Advising and appearing for Mr and Mrs Souma defending a call on guarantees (led by James Arnott SC, negotiated settlement) – law of guarantees, contract law.
- *Le v Plummer & Ors (1133/2021)* – Advising first to tenth defendants in defending a malicious prosecution claim (led by Matthew Howard SC, Sophie Callanan SC, with Anthony Willinge, ongoing) – malicious prosecution, tort.
- *Belinda Neal and Anor v Independent Reserve Pty Ltd and Anor (NCAT 22/03002; 22/02959; 22/02987)*: Advising and appearing for Telstra Corporation Limited in relation to a negligence claim (unled, negotiated settlement) – tort law.
- *Darweesh Al-Khawaja v Telstra Corporation Limited (2021/275309)*: Advising and appearing for Telstra Corporation Limited in relation to a breach of contract, negligence and consumer guarantees claim by a small business customer (unled, negotiated settlement) – contract law, tort law, consumer law.
- *Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Australia Pty Ltd v Hussein Najefi & Anor (1029/2023)*: Advising and appearing for Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Australia Pty Ltd in repossession and ultimately damages on contempt following breach of finance arrangement (unled) – contract law – summary judgment and costs for applicant (Humphreys AJ).
- *Confidential arbitration*: Advising and preparing submissions in an expert determination involving a contractual dispute on a large infrastructure project – contractual interpretation.
- *Confidential arbitration*: Advising and appearing in a five-day arbitration before Mr Tom Bathurst KC AC on a dispute between a national steel and iron manufacturer and a services provider (led by Justin Williams SC) – contractual interpretation, restraint of trade, penalties.
- *Lumi Finance Pty Limited v Wayne Clarges & Anor (2023/00276347)*: Advising and appearing for Lumi Finance Pty Ltd in a claim for breach of finance arrangement (unled, ongoing) – contract law.

INSOLVENCY

- *Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Australia Pty Ltd v Shervin Chardochoi (1108/2022)*: Advising and appearing for Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Australia Pty Ltd in recovery of unpaid debt (unled, negotiated settlement) – insolvency.
- *In the matter of Patriot Hydrogen Limited (2023/57350)*: Advising and appearing for Metgasco Limited in an application for the winding up of a company (unled, negotiated settlement) – insolvency.
- *Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police v Maher Aouli and Build Line*

Consulting Pty Ltd (2022/229620): Advising and appearing for Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Australia Pty Ltd in recovery of unpaid debt including application to exclude property from restraining order (unled, negotiated settlement) – insolvency.

SUPERANNUATION

- *Confidential*: Second opinion for a trustee of a superannuation fund on interpretation of trust deed and statutory scheme and implications for trustee’s obligations (led by Noel Hutley SC) – equity and trusts, interpretation, superannuation.
- *Re AUSCOAL Superannuation Pty Ltd atf the Mine Superannuation Fund; Application for Judicial Advice (2023/348454)*: Advising and appearing for the trustee in a judicial advice application (led by Dominique Hogan-Doran SC) – equity and trusts, interpretation, judicial advice, superannuation – [2024] NSWSC 32 (Robb J).
- *Application by AUSCOAL Superannuation Pty Limited as trustee for the Mine Superannuation Fund (2023/00438881)* – an application for a determination under section 23 of the *Coal and Oil Shale Miners Superannuation Act 1941* (NSW) (led by Dominique Hogan-Doran SC, discontinued) – equity and trusts, interpretation, statutory determination application, superannuation.

SELECT MATTERS AS SOLICITOR

- Acting for *Westpac Banking Corporation* in the successful responsible lending appeal before Justices Middleton, Gleeson and Lee: [2020] FCAFC 111
- Acting for *Suncorp Group Limited* in the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, instructing J Kirk SC, A Mitchelmore and D Hume
- Acting for *National Australia Bank* in the long-running ASIC investigation into foreign exchange trading, including successfully negotiating an enforceable undertaking: 16-455MR.
- Acting for *National Australia Bank* in ASIC investigation and subsequent civil penalty proceedings alleging manipulation of the BBSW benchmark rate: [2017] FCA 1338.
- Acting for *Brookfield Multiplex* in defending and successfully settling proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales which alleged breaches of duties owed as the responsible entity of a managed investment scheme in relation to an entitlement offer: (related interlocutory judgment before Justice Black) [2018] NSWSC 1368.
- Acting for *RBS Group* in defending and successfully settling a class action brought in respect of RBS-issued warrants: [2018] FCA 395.

PUBLICATIONS

- Detaining and not removing ‘unlawful non-citizens’: *Commonwealth of Australia v AJL20* [2021] HCA 21: *BarNews: The Journal of the NSW Bar Association*, Winter 2021: 34-35.

- Coming to the Bar: *BarNews: The Journal of the NSW Bar Association*, Summer 2022: <<https://bn.nswbar.asn.au/article/coming-to-the-nsw-bar>>.
- A strong woman: Justice Jane Mathews' contribution to the legal profession: *BarNews: The Journal of the NSW Bar Association*, Dec 2020: 50-53.