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## Curriculum Vitae

### Professional Qualifications

2010	Appointed Senior Counsel
1996	Called to the New South Wales Bar
1993-4, 1995-6	Solicitor, Allen Allen & Hemsley
1994-1995	Associate to Justice M.R. Wilcox of the Federal Court of Australia

### Practice at the NSW Bar

1996 – present

I practice primarily in the commercial-equity area, particularly class actions and regulatory disputes. I regularly advise major corporations, financial services entities, insurers and regulators in relation to complex commercial disputes, and appear in disputes in the Federal Court of Australia and in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, both at first instance and on appeal. I also practice in taxation and revenue law.

In recent years my practice has focussed on financial services litigation. In the class action area, I have acted for both plaintiffs and defendants in a number of high-profile shareholder class actions. I appeared in the Financial Services Royal Commission on behalf of a major financial institution and am briefed in various proceedings arising out of the FSRC. I have also appeared in numerous proceedings brought by ASIC in respect of alleged contraventions of the *Corporations Act 2001*. I have developed a particular expertise in continuous disclosure obligations, *Corporations Act* claims, civil penalty proceedings and also multiplicity disputes arising in shareholder class actions.

Class actions in which I have been briefed include:

*Wigmans v AMP Limited* (2021) 270 CLR 623; (2019) 103 NSWLR 543; (2020) 102 NSWLR 199;

Shareholder class action, briefed by Herbert Smith Freehills for the defendant

*Pallas v Lendlease Ltd* [2024] NSWCA 83; [2019] NSWSC 1631 (ongoing)

Shareholder class action, briefed by Herbert Smith Freehills for the defendant

*Perera v GetSwift Ltd* [2021] FCAFC 26

Shareholder class action, briefed by Phi Finney McDonald for the applicant

*Yong v Westpac Banking Corporation (2019)-(2022)*

Shareholder class action, briefed by Phi Finney McDonald for the applicant

*Zonia v Commonwealth Bank of Australia (No 5) [2024] FCA 447*

Shareholder class action, briefed by Herbert Smith Freehills for the respondent

*Thomas v Commonwealth Financial Planning Pty Ltd (2021) 153 ALR 1 (ongoing)*

Consumer class action, briefed by Allens for the respondents

*Hunter v Count Financial Ltd (2020-2022) (Judgment reserved)*

Consumer class action, briefed by Clayton Utz for the respondent

*Pallas v Lendlease Ltd [2024] NSWCA 83; [2019] NSWSC 1631 (ongoing)*

Shareholder class action, briefed by Herbert Smith Freehills for the defendant

Regulatory proceedings in which I have been briefed include:

*ASIC v Noumi [2024] FCA 349*

*ASIC v Commonwealth Securities Ltd & Anor (2022), FCA 1253*

Briefed by Clayton Utz for the defendants

*ASIC v AMP Financial Planning Pty Ltd (2020) 377 ALR 55*

Briefed by Clayton Utz for the defendant

*ASIC v Westpac Banking Corporation [2019] FCA 2147*

Briefed by ASIC for the applicant

*ACCC v Air New Zealand & Anor (2014) 319 ALR 388*

Price fixing, briefed by the Australian Government Solicitor for the ACCC

Other commercial and revenue cases in which I have been briefed include:

*Loan Market Group Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue [2024] NSWSC 390*

Challenge to payroll tax assessments, briefed by Colin Biggers & Paisley for the plaintiff

*GetSwift Ltd; Re GetSwift (2020) FCA 1733*

Scheme of arrangement, briefed by Phi Finney McDonald for the intervenor

*UNSW Global Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue (2016) 104 ATR 577*

Challenge to payroll tax assessments, briefed by Bartier Perry for the plaintiff