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QUALIFICATIONS

2021 Admitted as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

2024 Called to the Bar (Fifth Floor St James' Hall: 2024-2025)

POST-ADMISSION EXPERIENCE

2025 Lecturer, University of Sydney, Constitutional Law

2023-2024 Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright Australia, Commercial Litigation and International Arbitration

2022-2023 Associate to the Hon. Chief Justice S M Kiefel AC KC

International Legal Consultant, Truth, Reconciliation and National Unity Commission, Seychelles

Drafted and prepared determinations for amnesty and reparations relevant to crimes committed during the Coup d'état of 1977.

2022 Tutor in Equity and Trusts, Australian National University

Member, Defence Team of Hashim Thaçi, Kosovo Specialist Chambers, The Hague

Researched and drafted for applications to the KSC Constitutional Chamber.

Volunteer, United Nations Development Program

Researched and drafted for a report on youth engagement with democratic institutions in the South East Asia region.

Researcher, University College London Constitution Unit

2021 Associate to the Hon. Justice S C Derrington AM

Researched and drafted for ALRC Report 138 - *Without Fear or Favour: Judicial Impartiality and the Law on Bias*.

Casual Academic in Administrative and Constitutional Law, University of Technology Sydney

EDUCATION

University College London (2020) – Master of Laws (Distinction)

- *Thesis*: 'Whether presidentialism is a necessary consequence of a republic in the Commonwealth Realms'.
- *Courses*: Comparative Constitutional Law; Constitutional Theory; Religion, State and Law; Decolonizing Law; Modern Advocacy and Classical Rhetoric; Jeremy Bentham and the Utilitarian Tradition.
- Editor of the University College London Journal of Law and Jurisprudence.

Australian National University (2018) – Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts

- *Major*: History of Art, *Minor*: Political Science

RECENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2021-Present Steam Locomotive Driver, Mary Valley Heritage Railway; Operational Support, Transport Heritage New South Wales

2017-2022 Volunteer Firefighter, Rural Fire Service

SELECTED MATTERS (AS AT MAY 2025)

<i>CDC25 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs & Anor</i> (VID194/2025)	Administrative Law – Failure of the ART to consider a material consideration.	Led by C Lenehan SC, T Woods, and K Bones for the applicant
<i>Fonterra Brands (Australia) Pty Ltd v Bega Cheese Ltd</i> [2025] NSWSC 295	Constitutional Law – Federal Jurisdiction; Contracts – Declarations as to future conduct	Led by V Whittaker SC and P Abdiel for the applicant
<i>ASIC v Hawkins</i> [2025] FCA 121	Corporations – Officer’s Duties – Penalties by consent	Led by G Rich SC and G O’Mahoney for the fourth defendant
<i>Kul Raj Kandel v DPG Services Pty Ltd</i> (FCFCOA Div 2)	Fair Work Application – Application for refiling of statement of claim	Unled for the respondent
<i>X Corp v eSafety Commissioner</i> [2024] ART 2579	Joint application to refer a question of law as to the eSafety Commissioner’s powers under s 56 of the <i>Online Safety Act 2001</i> (Cth) to the Federal Court	Led by B Walker SC for the applicant
<i>Townsville City Council v Vatsonic Communications Pty Ltd</i> [2025] HCADisp 9	Special leave to appeal – s 236B of the <i>Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003</i> (Qld)	Led by B Walker SC for the respondent
<i>Freeman, in the matter of Regional Express Holdings Limited</i> (administrators appointed) (No 3) [2024] FCA 1394	Insolvency – application for second extension of the convening period for second meeting of creditors	Led by E Beechey for the Commonwealth of Australia as an interested party
<i>Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, and Multicultural Affairs v CMK22</i> (FCA: VID469/2022)	Migration – powers of the Minister to revoke the cancellation of a visa	Led by C Lenehan SC for the appellant
<i>Nick Scali Ltd v Lion Global Forwarding Pty Ltd</i> [2024] FCA 1247	Shipping and navigation – contractual dispute between freight forwarder and vendor	Led by J Emmett SC for the respondent

I have also advised Government, NGOs, and corporate entities on matters relating to constitutional law, parliamentary conduct, elections, administrative law, native title, internal governance and contracts.

I have appeared as part of the Duty Barrister Scheme and enjoy contributing to the Bar through the acceptance of pro bono briefs.