

# ADAM KHADRA

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### QUALIFICATIONS

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- 2024    Called to the Bar (Fifth Floor St James' Hall – 2024-2025)
- Member, Human Rights Committee, NSW Bar Association – 2025
- 2021    Admitted as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

### POST-ADMISSION EXPERIENCE

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- 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, Australian National University, Equity and Trusts**  
**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, University of Technology Sydney, in Administrative and Constitutional Law**

### EDUCATION

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- 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

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- 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 JULY 2025)

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<i>Abdel-Hady v Commonwealth of Australia</i>	High Court of Australia – False imprisonment – damages for false imprisonment – liability	Led by B Walker AO SC and M Tanevski for the plaintiff
<i>Gray v Lavan (A Firm) (P7/2025)</i>	High Court of Australia – Restitution – Unjust enrichment	Led by B Walker AO SC and S Stewart for the respondent
<i>United Firefighters' Union of Australia v Fire Rescue Victoria T/A FRV (B2023/771)</i>	Fair Work Commission – Intractable bargaining workplace determination – <i>Fair Work Act</i> (Cth) s 269	Led by B Walker AO SC, N Wood SC, C Tran, and J Hartley for the applicant
<i>Goyder v GE Renewable Energy Australia Pty Ltd (A12/2025)</i>	High Court of Australia – Special leave to appeal – <i>Anshun</i> estoppel – determinations of an adjudicator under the <i>Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2009</i> (SA)	Led by B Walker AO SC, N Floreani SC, and C Humby for the respondent
<i>Friends of Australian Rock Art Inc v Woodside Energy Ltd (ABN 63 005 482 986) &amp; Anor (CIV1612/2025)</i>	Supreme Court of Western Australia – Administrative law – Challenge to decision to implement North West Shelf Project Extension Proposal	Led by S Maharaj KC and C Tran
<i>Parkview Property Services Pty Limited v Stamford Property Services Pty Limited (2024/000153515)</i>	District Court of New South Wales – Contract – Limitations period	Led by B Walker AO SC
<i>De Campo Super Company Pty Ltd v Maguire and the Legal Practitioners' Liability Committee</i>	Supreme Court of Victoria – Professional indemnity insurance – Aggregation of claims	Led by B Walker AO SC, Andrew Hanak SC, and Paul Annabell for the second defendant
<i>CDC25 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs &amp; Anor (VID194/2025)</i>	Federal Court of Australia – 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 [2025] NSWSC 295</i>	Supreme Court of New South Wales – 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 [2025] FCA 121</i>	Federal Court of Australia – Corporations – Officer's Duties – Penalties by	Led by G Rich SC and G O'Mahoney for the fourth defendant

	consent	
<i>Kul Raj Kandel v DPG Services Pty Ltd</i>	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 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	Administrative Review Tribunal – 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 AO SC for the applicant
<i>Townsville City Council v Vatsonic Communications Pty Ltd</i> [2025] HCADisp 9	High Court of Australia – Special leave to appeal – s 236B of the <i>Workers’ Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003</i> (Qld)	Led by B Walker AO SC for the respondent
<i>Freeman, in the matter of Regional Express Holdings Limited (administrators appointed) (No 3)</i> [2024] FCA 1394	Federal Court of Australia – 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> [2025] FCA 664	Federal Court of Australia – 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	Federal Court of Australia – 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.