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Education and Qualifications

Bachelor of Laws – Western Sydney University

Bachelor of Arts – Western Sydney University

Master of Laws – University of Sydney

2009 – Admitted to the Roll of NSW Lawyers

2015 – Called to the New South Wales Bar

Areas of Practice

Commercial
Contracts
Equity & Trusts
Real Property
Succession
Crime

Selected Cases

- **Harvey v Henderson (No 2) [2025] NSWSC 764**
Civil Contempt; Breach of injunction

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/198110fb239f1a5f4bf1c2c6>

- **Harvey v Henderson [2025] NSWSC 601**
Defamation; truth defence; remedies; injunctive relief.

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/1975d8cae7142fcf4a6afae7>

- **Estate of Kastropil (2024) (SCNSW) (ongoing)**

Promissory Estoppel; oral promises made by intestate deceased– whether enforceable against beneficiary entitled upon intestacy.

- **Wenzhou v Mosaic Brands (2023) (SCNSW)**

Contracts – Waiver — Agency – Termination.

- **Connolly v Connolly (2023) SCNSW (ongoing)**

Promissory estoppel; proprietary estoppel; Trusts

- **Ye v Chen [2022] NSWCA 219**

Hearing - Appeal to Court of Appeal – construction of guarantee – whether signature qualified – agency – whether director of company signed in personal capacity.

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/184178bf205ca9fa5ec96ec5>

- **Ye v Chen [2022] NSWSC 494**

Hearing - Appeal from Local Court to Supreme Court – Stay of orders below – Contracts — Construction — Interpretation — nature of agreement —whether signatory signed in own right or on behalf of the company.

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/18068ee96267fb57628f9bc2>

- **Estate of the late Genevieve Bryan [2022] NSWSC 965**

Hearing - Wills and probate – testamentary capacity – undue influence - family provision – large estate – Application of Banks v Goodfellow test.

Counsel for Plaintiff in long running matter. Draft pleadings and settle evidence and appear at trial against senior counsel and senior junior.

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/1821463b7e6bac7a4769f308>

- **The Estate of Genevieve Bryan [2021] NSWSC 567**

Motion - Expert Evidence – Appointment of experts in probate suits. Appear at contested motion for plaintiff.

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/179872dc51f308b1a0ff8bda>

- **Opera Properties Pty Ltd v The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (NSW) [2021] NSWSC 1436**

Hearing - Contracts – discharge by frustration – parties entered into put and call option deed.

Appeared unled, against experienced silk and junior, and successfully argued contract and deed not frustrated.

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/17cfc6fafbf9fc5f9d685f59>

- ***Nakhle v Akawi* (2021) – NSWSC**

Hearing - Real Property – Return of deposit – section 55(2A) Conveyancing Act 1919 (NSW) - Contracts – Misrepresentation – Urgent interlocutory injunction.

- ***Yenfan v Tran and 3 Ors* (2020) NSWSC**

Hearing - Solicitor's duties – Fraud – property transactions.

Counsel for defendant solicitor. Consider pleadings and evidence and advice and negotiate settlement during trial.

***Zelic v Zelic* (2020) NSWSC**

Hearing - Wills – Property – Promissory Estoppel – promise of property before death - proceedings brought by executor against beneficiary.

Counsel for executor against relative beneficiary represented by senior counsel.

- ***Thomas Lonsdale v Rail Corporation of New South Wales* (2019) – NSWSC**

Hearing - real property – prescriptive easements – historical rights to drainage – statutory defences for government bodies – nuisance - adjoining land owners rights – complex factual and engineering questions.

- ***Workers Compensation Nominal Insurer v JDS Outsourcing Pty Ltd* (2019) FCA**

Hearing - directors examination – freezing orders – privilege - self-incrimination – disclosure orders - 128A Certificate – principles. winding up - liquidator's duties.

- **Issa Abu Al Ammash v Monaco Solicitors (2019) NSWSC**

Hearing - Costs agreements – Legal Profession Uniform Law – termination – unconscionable conduct – breach of fiduciary duties – whether solicitor's possessory lien ousted – delivery up of file.

- ***Nicolas v Natales and Tradie Fresh Produce and 2 Ors DC NSW***

Hearing (2017)- personal injury - occupiers liability - fraud – expert evidence – costs.

- ***Mohamed Elsair Adam v Adam Hasabo & 1 Or [2017] NSWSC***

Urgent injunction - contracts - breach - loan agreement - equitable interests arising; joint venture agreement - restitution – consideration.

Draft pleadings and settle all evidence. Appear at injunction and prepare matter for hearing.

- ***The Estate of the Late Akos Balazs Melegh [2016] NSWSC 249****

Succession – Probate – two wills – allegation of forgery– application for family provision order - letters of administration – overseas beneficiaries – s 95 release of rights

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/56e794cde4b0e71e17f5035c>

- ***The Estate of the Late Akos Balazs Melegh (No. 2) [2016] NSWSC 584****

Succession – Probate – Costs - Commission

<https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/573132c2e4b05f2c4f04dd51>