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## PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Naomi accepts briefs in a diverse range of areas, including: commercial law, public & constitutional law, criminal law, class actions, competition & consumer law, employment law, and inquests & inquiries.

## EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

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Qualifications: BA / LLB (Hons I & University Medal) (ANU)  
Called to the Bar: 8 May 2020  
Admitted to practice: 13 October 2017

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2020–present	<b>Barrister</b> Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers (2021-present)  Fifth Floor St James' Hall (2020-2021)
2020	<b>Solicitor</b> Marrickville Legal Centre
2019	<b>Associate to the Hon Justice VM Bell AC</b> High Court of Australia
2019	<b>Sessional Academic (Corporations Law)</b> Australian National University
2017-2018	<b>Tipstaff/Research Director to the Chief Justice of New South Wales, the Hon TF Bathurst AC KC</b> Supreme Court of New South Wales
2014–2016	<b>Researcher</b> National Judicial College of Australia

## **SELECT CASES**

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### **High Court of Australia**

#### **Full Court**

- *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd* (ongoing) (led by Bret Walker SC, Paul McQueen and Connor Bannan)
- *Hopper & Anor v State of Victoria* (ongoing) (led by Stephen Donoghue KC, Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth, with Joshua Forrest)
- *Macdonald v R; Obeid v R; Obeid v R* [2025] HCATrans 74 (judgment reserved) (led by Justin Gleeson SC, Elizabeth Nicholson SC and Christopher Tran)
- *Palmanova Pty Ltd v Commonwealth of Australia* [2025] HCA 35 (led by Richard Lancaster SC)
- *Ravbar v Commonwealth of Australia* [2025] HCA 25 (led by Bret Walker SC, Craig Lenehan SC and Christopher Tran)
- *Naaman v Jaken Properties Australia Pty Limited* [2025] HCA 1 (led by Bret Walker SC and P Afshar)
- *Cook (a pseudonym) v The King* [2024] HCA 26 (led by Sally Dowling SC and Monica Millward)
- *BQ v The King* [2024] HCA 29 (led by Gabrielle Bashir SC and Georgia Huxley)
- *ASF17 v Commonwealth of Australia* [2024] HCA 19 (led by Stephen Donoghue KC, Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth and Bora Kaplan)
- *Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs v McQueen* [2024] HCA 11 (led by Perry Herzfeld SC)
- *Qantas Airways Limited & Anor v Transport Workers Union of Australia* [2023] HCA 27 (led by Tim Begbie KC and Irene Sekler)
- *AZC20 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs & Ors* [2023] HCA 26 (led by Stephen Donoghue KC, Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth and Patrick Knowles SC)
- *Kozarov v State of Victoria* [2022] HCA 12 (led by Bret Walker SC and Glenn Worth)
- *Commonwealth of Australia v AJL20* [2021] HCA 21 (led by Stephen Donoghue KC, Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth, Geoffrey Kennett SC and Christopher Tran)
- *Hsiao v Fazarri* [2020] HCA 35 (led by Bret Walker SC and Albert Dinelli)

#### **Special Leave**

- *Macdonald v R; Obeid v R; Obeid v R* [2025] HCADisp 113, 114 & 115 (led by Sally Dowling SC and Elizabeth Nicholson)
- *Cook (a pseudonym) v The King* [2023] HCATrans 169 (led by Sally Dowling SC and Monica Millward)

- *Pearson v Minister for Home Affairs* [2023] HCATrans 105 (led by Craig Lenehan SC, with Jackson Wherrett)
- *Alexander (a pseudonym) v The King* [2023] HCASL 105 (led by Michelle England)
- *Mackie v Minister for Home Affairs* [2022] HCASL 191 (led by Bret Walker SC and Stephen McDonald SC)
- *Insurance Australia Limited v Meridian Travel (Vic) Pty Ltd; The Taphouse Townsville v Insurance Australia Limited; LCA Marrickville Pty Ltd v Swiss Re International SE* [2022] HCATrans 172 (led by John Sheahan KC and Adam Pomerence QC)
- *Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs v EPL20; Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs v Sillars* [2021] HCASL 9 (led by Craig Lenehan SC and Greg Johnson)
- *HDI Global Specialty & Anor v Wonkana No 3 Pty Limited t/a Austin Tourist Park & Ors* [2021] HCATrans 117 (led by John Sheahan KC and Derek Wong)
- *One Tree Community Services Inc v United Workers' Union* [2021] HCASL 154 (led by Craig Dowling SC and Christopher Tran)
- *Talacko v Talacko* [2020] HCATrans 169 (led by Bret Walker SC and Jeremy Masters)
- *Goondiwindi Regional Council v Tait* [2020] HCATrans 192 (led by Bret Walker SC and Keith Wilson QC)

#### Single justice

- *Plaintiff B65/2020 v The Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2021] HCATrans 49 (led by Anna Mitchelmore SC)

#### **Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia**

- *AGL Retail Energy Limited & Ors v Australian Energy Regulator* (ongoing) (led by James Arnott SC, with David Rowe)
- *Panesar v Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia* (ongoing) (led by Eric Heenan SC, with Sam Pack)
- *Hassan v Minister for Home Affairs* [2025] FCAFC 57 (led by Perry Herzfeld SC)
- *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd* [2025] FCAFC 43 (led by Bret Walker SC)
- *Clarence City Council v Commonwealth of Australia* [2024] FCFCA 8 (led by Craig Lenehan SC)
- *Djokovic v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2022] FCAFC 3 (led by Stephen Lloyd SC and Christopher Tran, with Julia Nikolic)
- *LCA Marrickville Pty Ltd v Swiss Re International SE (Second COVID-19 Insurance Test Cases)* [2022] FCAFC 17 (led by Steven Finch SC, Adam Pomerence KC and Derek Wong)
- *Mackie v Minister for Home Affairs* [2022] FCAFC 120 (led by Bret Walker SC and Stephen McDonald SC)

- *Pearson v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2022] FCAFC 203; [2023] FCAFC 4 (led by Craig Lenehan SC, with Jackson Wherret)
- *Johnson v CUB Pty Ltd* [2021] FCAFC 219 (led by Craig Dowling SC and Christopher Tran)
- *Commonwealth of Australia v MZZHL* [2021] FCAFC 191 (led by Geoffrey Kennett SC and Christopher Tran)
- *Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs v MB* [2021] FCAFC 194 (with Christopher Tran)
- *Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs v BFW20* [2020] FCAFC 121 (led by Craig Lenehan SC and Stephen McDonald)

## Federal Court of Australia

- *Greensill Bank AG & Anor v Insurance Australia Limited* (ongoing) (led by Steven Finch SC and David Thomas SC)
- *Hansen v Tesla Motors Australia Pty Ltd* (ongoing) (led by Steven Finch SC and Imtiaz Ahmed SC)
- *Aghaeriyad v Plus500AU Pty Ltd & Anor* (ongoing) (led by David Thomas SC)
- *Greentree & Ors v Jaguar Land Rover Australia Pty Ltd & Anor* (ongoing) (led by Matthew Darke SC and Imtiaz Ahmed SC)
- *Galarrwuy Yunupingu (On behalf of the Gumatj Clan or Estate Group) v Commonwealth of Australia & Anor (Gove Native Title Claim)* (Federal Court of Australia, ongoing)
- *Secretary of the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing v Philips Electronics Australia Limited* (ongoing) (led by Garry Rich SC)
- *Sofronoff v ACT Integrity Commission* (judgment reserved) (led by Adam Pomeroy KC)
- *AJQ24 v Commonwealth of Australia* (ongoing) (led by Stephen Lloyd SC)
- *DVU18 v Commonwealth of Australia* (ongoing) (led by Stephen Lloyd SC)
- *Ergon Energy Queensland Pty Ltd v Australian Energy Regulator* [2025] FCA 541 (led by James Arnott SC)
- *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Mosaic Brands Limited* [2025] FCA 99 (led by Oren Bigos KC)
- *Australian Energy Regulator v AGL Retail Energy Limited* [2024] FCA 969 (led by James Arnott SC)
- *Equity Financial Planners Pty Ltd v AMP Financial Planning Pty Ltd* [2024] FCA 1036 (led by E Collins SC)
- *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd (No 4)* [2024] FCA 538 (led by Bret Walker SC)
- *Hassan v Minister for Home Affairs* [2024] FCA 527 (led by Perry Herzfeld SC and Christopher Tran)

- *ASF17 v Commonwealth of Australia* [2024] FCA 7 (led by Patrick Knowles SC and Bora Kaplan)
- *Soro v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs & Anor* [2022] FCA 940 (unled)
- *BKTS v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs & Anor* [2023] FCA 729 (unled)
- *Nguyen v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs & Anor* [2023] FCA 150 (unled)
- *Clarence City Council v Commonwealth of Australia* [2022] FCA 1492 (led by Craig Lenehan SC)
- *CHVS v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2022] FCA 34 (unled)
- *Swiss Re International Se v LCA Marrickville Pty Limited (Second COVID-19 insurance test cases)* [2021] FCA 1206 (led by Steven Finch SC, Adam Pomerence KC and Derek Wong)
- *Erden v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs (No 1)* [2021] FCA 1395; *Erden v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs (No 2)* [2021] FCA 1531 (led by Anna Mitchelmore SC)
- *CYG20 v Commonwealth of Australia* [2021] FCA 259 (led by Geoffrey Kennett SC and Christopher Tran)
- *Brown v Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (A Partnership) (No 3)* [2021] FCA 581 (led by David Pritchard SC)
- *MZZHL v Commonwealth of Australia* [2021] FCA 600 (led by Geoffrey Kennett SC and Christopher Tran)
- *MB v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2021] FCA 442 (with Christopher Tran)
- *AGH21 v Minister for Home Affairs* [2021] FCA 452 (led by Perry Herzfeld SC and Christopher Tran)
- *AGP21 v Minister for Home Affairs* [2021] FCA 281 (led by Perry Herzfeld SC and Christopher Tran)
- *CZCV v Commonwealth of Australia* [2020] FCA 1864 (with Christopher Tran)
- *Lucas v Secretary, Department of Health* [2020] FCA 1603 (led by Craig Lenehan SC and Christopher Tran)

## Supreme Courts

- *Mineralogy Pty Ltd v CITIC Ltd & Ors* (Supreme Court of Western Australia, judgment reserved) (led by Steven Finch SC and Jonathan Kirkwood SC)
- *Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd & Ors; DFD Rhodes Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd & Ors* (Supreme Court of Western Australia, judgment reserved) (led by John Rowland KC, Julie Taylor SC & Eric Heenan SC)

- *Stanley v State of New South Wales* (Supreme Court of NSW, judgment reserved) (led by Anne Horvath SC)
- *Lidgett & Anor v Downer EDI Limited* (Supreme Court of Victoria, ongoing)
- *Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Regional Express Holdings Limited (Administrators Appointed) & Ors* (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by David Thomas SC)
- *Westpac Banking Corporation v Chubb Insurance Australia Limited & Ors* (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by Garry Rich SC and Simon Fitzpatrick SC)
- *Manboom Pty Ltd v Jemena Gas Networks (NSW) Ltd* [2025] NSWSC 1330 (led by Tim Robertson SC)
- *Nichles v Attorney General of New South Wales* [2025] NSWCA 132 (unled)
- *Accolade Wines Australia Limited v Pernod Ricard Winemakers Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWSC 55 (led by Steven Finch SC)
- *Lahoud v Willoughby City Council & Anor* [2024] NSWCA 163 (led by Tim Robertson SC)
- *Tsirekas v Independent Commission against Corruption* [2024] NSWSC 1514 (led by James Emmett SC)
- *Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd [No 24]* [2023] WASC 393 (unled)
- *Xiao & Thomas v The a2 Milk Company Limited* [2023] VSC 768 (led by Christopher Withers SC and Benjamin Cameron)
- *Macdonald v R; Obeid v R; Obeid v R* [2023] NSWCCA 250; *Macdonald v R* [2023] NSWCCA 253 (with Elizabeth Nicholson)
- *Jaken Properties Australia Pty Ltd v Naaman (No 2)* [2023] NSWCA 254 (led by Pouyan Afshar)
- *Application by Alexander (a pseudonym) pursuant to Part 7 of the Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001* [2023] NSWSC 449 (unled)
- *DFD Rhodes Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd* [2022] WASC 97 (led by Kristina Stern SC and Louise Coleman)
- *R v Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd* [2022] NSWCCA 152 (led by Tim Game SC and Ann Bonnor)
- *Jaken Properties Australia Pty Limited v Naaman* [2022] NSWSC 517; *Jaken Properties Australia Pty Limited v Naaman* [2020] NSWSC 1554 (led by Pouyan Afshar)
- *Marium v Registrar Local Court Blacktown & Ors* [2022] NSWSC 528 (unled)
- *AQC Dartbrook Management Pty Ltd v Minister for Planning and Public Spaces* [2021] NSWCA 112 (led by Richard Lancaster SC)
- *Benbrika v Minister for Home Affairs* [2021] VSCA 303 (led by Dan Star KC and Christopher Tran)



- *R v Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Ltd* [2021] NSWSC 657 (led by Bret Walker SC, Tim Game SC and Ann Bonnor)
- *MB (a pseudonym) v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2021] VSC 68 (with Christopher Tran)
- *R v Giampaolo; R v Giampaolo* [2021] ACTSC 142 (led by Ken Archer)
- *Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW) v Wright* [2021] NSWSC 1086 (led by David Kell SC, Crown Advocate)
- *McBride v Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (No 2)* [2021] ACTSC 201 (unled)
- *Kitoko v State of New South Wales* [2021] NSWSC 545 (unled)
- *State of Victoria v Kozarov* [2020] VSCA 301 (led by Bret Walker SC and Glenn Worth)

### Other Courts, Tribunals and Inquiries

- *ATM22 & Ors v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* (Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, judgment reserved) (unled)
- *The Council of the Law Society of NSW v Grubisa* [2025] NSWCATOD 127 (led by Kate Morgan SC, with Emma Dunlop)
- *Commissioner of Police, NSW Police Force v White* [2025] NSWCATAP 30 (unled)
- *Special Inquiry under s 82 of the Government Sector Employment Act 2013 into certain matters relating to the State Insurance Regulatory Authority* (2024) (Counsel-assisting the Inquirer)
- *Samaranayake v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] AATA 1096 (unled)
- *EIX18 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] FedCFamC2G 706 (unled)
- *ENF17 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] FedCFamC2G 828 (unled)
- *Health Care Complaints Commission v Anderson* [2024] NSWCATOD 155 (unled)
- *Re s 78 Review of Forensic Patient Mental Health and Cognitive Impairment Forensic Provisions Act 2020* [2023] NSWMHRT 1 (unled)
- *Second Inquiry into the convictions of Kathleen Megan Folbigg* (2022-2023) (Counsel-assisting the Inquirer, led by Sophie Callan SC and Julia Roy)
- *Re Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation* (Commercial Arbitration) (2022-2023) (led by RP Lancaster SC and Trevor Moses)
- *Cat Media Pty Limited, Carotino (Australia) Pty Limited, Pharm-a-Care Laboratories Pty Ltd and Minister for Health and Aged Care* [2023] AATA 2792; [2022] AATA 1254 (led by Stephen Lloyd SC)
- *Health Care Complaints Commission v Wong* [2023] NSWCATOD 10 (unled)

- *Inquest into the death of Stanley Russell* (2022) (Coroners Court of New South Wales, Counsel-assisting the Deputy State Coroner, led by Kristina Stern SC)
- *Djokovic v Minister for Home Affairs* [2022] FedCFamC2G 7 (with Christopher Tran)
- *AQC Dartbrook Management Pty Ltd v Minister for Planning and Public Spaces* [2021] NSWLEC 76 (unled)
- *Inquest into the death of CPL Ian Turner* (2021-2023) (Coroners Court of New South Wales, Counsel-assisting the Deputy State Coroner, led by Kristina Stern SC)
- *Communications, Electrical, Electronic, Energy, Information, Postal, Plumbing and Allied Services Union of Australia* [2021] FWC 1182 (with Christopher Tran)
- *Morgan v Commissioner of Police (NSW)* [2021] NSWCATAD 173 (unled)
- *EKX v Children's Guardian (NSW)* [2021] NSWCATAD 153 (unled)

## **PUBLICATIONS & ACADEMIC**

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- **Weinstein, Anderson, Marychurch & Wootton**, *Uniform Evidence in Australia* (4<sup>th</sup> ed, 2024)
- **TF Bathurst AC & N Wootton**, 'Directors' and Officers' Duties in the Age of Regulation' in Hanrahan and Black (eds), *Contemporary Issues in Corporate and Competition Law* (LexisNexis, 2018) 3
- **TF Bathurst AC & N Wootton**, 'The Courts and Integrity Bodies: Constitutional Conundrums' (2018) *Bar News: The Journal of the New South Wales Bar Association* 9
- **Commonwealth Sentencing Database, Principles and Practice** (Editor) (2020-2023)
- **Australian National University**
  - University Medal in Law
  - Supreme Court Judges' Prize for best results in Honours program (2016)
  - Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and Australian Government Solicitor Prize for best results on graduation (2016)
  - George Knowles Memorial Prize for best results in law (2016, 2015, 2013)
  - ACT Women Lawyers Association Prize for best results (female student) in law (2016, 2015, 2013)
  - ACT Bar Association Prize for Evidence (2016)
  - Allens Prize for Competition Law (2016)
  - King & Wood Mallesons Prize for Property & Equity (2015)
  - Myer Vandenberg Prize for Property Law (2015)
  - Phillipa Weeks Prize for Labour Law (2015)
  - Clayton Utz Prize for Migration Law (2015)
  - Ethel Tory Language Scholarship (Indonesian) (2015)
  - Clayton Utz Prize for Torts (shared) (2012)
  - ANU Region Scholarship (2012–2016)



## **PRO BONO & COMMUNITY**

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- **Bar Council**, NSW Bar Association (2024-present)
- **Director**, The Barristers' Sickness and Accident Fund Pty Limited (2024-present)
- **Bar News Committee**, NSW Bar Association (2020-present)
- **Professional Conduct Committee #4**, NSW Bar Association (2024-present)
- **Judicial Review Project**, Refugee Advice and Casework Service (2020-present)
- **Duty Barrister Scheme**, NSW Bar Association (2020-present)