

# Chris Dobbs

Barrister

## Current and prior admission

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Barrister, Victorian Bar	(tbc)
Barrister, New South Wales Bar	2019 - present
Solicitor, New South Wales	2011- 2019

## Academic Background

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Masters (Commercial Litigation)	2017
University of Wollongong Bachelor of Laws & Grad Dip Legal Practice (Hons)	2010

## Main Areas of Practice

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- Corporate and Commercial
- Insolvency
- Financial Services
- Securities
- Equity & Trusts
- Technology, Media, Data and Startups

## Selected Cases

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*Re Building Renovation & Design Pty Ltd (in Liq)* [2025] VSC 654 (Supreme Court, Melbourne before Craig J). Application on behalf of liquidator to be appointed as receiver and ancillary orders related to a trust with an automatic ejection clause.

*Munro v Wheeler* (Court of Appeal, New South Wales [2025], unreported). Defamation. Urgent application to discharge undertakings in the nature of freezing orders.

*ASRW Wealth Advisers v Domacom Australia Limited; Domacom Limited* (Supreme Court New South Wales [2025], unreported) Urgent injunction. Financial services and equity. Misleading and deceptive conduct.

*In the matter of Hickory Little Collins & Ors* [2025] (Supreme Court of Victoria, unreported). Leave application against insolvent entities in complex building dispute.

*Alfarsi t/as YOF Global Investment v Time Spices Pty Ltd (No. 2)* NSWDC 302 [2024]; NSWSC 322. Dispute about whether contract for sale or contract for consignment.

*In the matter of BG Nominees atf the Bradnick Family Trust & Ors* [2024] Supreme Court of Victoria (unreported). Acted for a liquidator in relation to voidable transaction and recovery proceedings.

*In the matter of Bullion FX Limited, Bullion FX Australia Pty Limited v Bradley Clive James Bilbie & Valint Group BFX Holdings Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC (unreported). Urgent injunction. Misleading and deceptive conduct.

*Wang v Hugeheart Education* [2023] NSWLC (unreported). Complex local court contractual dispute.

*Dimarti v AB Law Group Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 1595; *Dimarti v AB Law Group Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2024] NSWSC 654. Opposing a bankruptcy notice being set aside. Summary dismissal.

*In the matter of Das Schneider Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 1529. Special costs order. Corporate governance dispute.

*Junping Bai v Lightspeed Finance Pty Ltd* [2022] VSCA 242. Appeal to Court of Appeal Victoria, Contractual Dispute. Formation, privity, implication of terms.

*In the matter of Hot Frog Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2022] NSWSC 6; [2022] NSWSC 412. Directors' duties resisting claim against former director.

*In the matter of ENA Development Pty Ltd* [2022] NSWSC 54. Resisting a winding up.

*Mountain Road Projects Pty Ltd v Steven Dumpleton & Ors* [2022] NSWSC (unreported). Injunction, securities, trusts.

*Serri v Youssef* [2022] NSWDC (unreported). Resisting freezing orders, special fixture.

*Allied Express v Panasonic* [2021] NSWLC (unreported). Contractual dispute.

*Sayed v National Australia Bank Limited* [2020] NSWCA 177 (Emmett AJA). Complex securitisation dispute. Acted for second respondent.

*Stefano Oldano v Kinect & Ors* [2020] NSWSC (unreported, Darke J). Complex priority and possession dispute. Acted for second ranking mortgagee.

*In the matter of Xsmil Pty Ltd (in Liquidation)* [2020] NSWSC (unreported). Acted for directors in liquidator examinations.

*In the matter of Bluemine Pty Ltd (In Liq)* [2019] NSWSC 1807. Supreme Court large liquidation acted for one of the directors resolving him of all allegations.

*Albert Leung v Royale Finance Group Pty Ltd & Adon Tse* [2019] NSWDC (unreported). Financial adviser misconduct.

## Prior Work History

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Formerly an ASIC lawyer, with a focus on civil, criminal and administrative litigation against directors and licensees. Also held roles as legal counsel with American Express and later as a corporate lawyer with Gilbert & Tobin and listing adviser with the Australian Stock Exchange. Received awards for my ASX transformation projects.

## Selected Technology & Consulting Projects

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- Founder of legal marketplace 'Rightful' (2019).
- Successfully founded and exited legal tutoring website [www.australianlawtutor.com](http://www.australianlawtutor.com) (2016 – 2019).
- Consulted to a medical research company on special timing tools for the delivery of experimental medications (2019).
- Consulted to Data 61 and Automic on a new legal coding language known as 'Turnip Box' (circa 2018) and notifiable breach tools.
- Consulted to KPMG on one of the largest financial services remediation projects in Australia (100+ case assessors) (2018).
- Systematically overhauled the operational framework of the Listings team at the ASX for markets and IPOs, creating software tools and clause banks (2018).
- Consulted to CFD issuers and fintechs on regulatory issues, prepared AFSL applications and senate submissions (2016 to present).
- Consulted to a fantasy stock trading app (2018).

## Recent Publications

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'Arrangements and Reconstructions', *Australian Corporation Law Principles*, Lexis Nexis Butterworths (2023)

'Small Business Restructuring', *Australian Corporation Law Principles*, Lexis Nexis Butterworths (2024)

'Receivers and Controllers of Corporate Property', *Australian Corporation Law Principles*, Lexis Nexis Butterworths (2024)

'Voluntary Administration', *Australian Corporation Law Principles*, Lexis Nexis Butterworths (2025)

## Interests

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- Fintech, regtech and legaltech.
- Coding: React JS and Python.
- Hiking, guitar, health, ocean.
- Strategy. Member of the New South Wales Chess Club.
- Rated StarCraft Player.
- Drama. Formerly Junior Illawarra Drama Champion.