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**Called to the bar**                      **May 2022**

**Admitted to practice**              **June 2017**

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Annabel accepts briefs in all areas of law with particular interest in commercial law, equity and trusts, corporations law, insolvency law, regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings and public law.

## SELECTED CASES

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*McCallum v Projector Films Pty Ltd (Liability Hearing)* [2026] FCA 173 – Copyright law moral rights; contract law; misleading and deceptive conduct – landmark case regarding moral rights of film directors. Acted for the defendants, led by Frances St John, instructed by Banki Haddock Fiora.

*Bolton v WAM Active Ltd (No 2)* [2025] NSWCA 99 – Appeal – Corporations law – validity of adjournment of general meeting of shareholders, appointment of interim chair, removal of directors. Acted for the appellant, led by Greg Sirtes SC, instructed by Hamilton Locke.

*Commissioner for Fair Trading v Bowes Street Development* [2024] ACTSC 315 – Civil penalty proceedings. Consumer law – false or misleading advertising. Acted for the Commissioner, led by Naomi Sharp SC, instructed by ACT Government Solicitor.

*De Lorenzo v CXI Software Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWDC 471 – Construction of convertible note subscription deed, recovery of debt. Acted for the plaintiff, unled, instructed by Strategic Legal.

*False imprisonment proceedings* (2024 – ongoing) – Acting for the Commonwealth in various cases arising following the High Court's decision in *NZYQ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] HCA 37; (2023) 415 ALR 254, including claims of false imprisonment, assault and battery. Led by Stephen Lloyd SC, Patrick Knowles SC and Joanna Davidson SC, instructed by Australian Government Solicitor.

*nib Holdings Ltd v Raffy Nominees Pty Ltd as trustee of the Whitecoat Holding Trust; Raffy Nominees Pty Ltd v nib Holdings Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 715 – Breach of contract and recovery of debt under loan document and joint venture; Cross-claim for rescission. Acted for nib Holdings Ltd, led by James Arnott SC, instructed by King & Wood Mallesons.

*Hundy (liquidator), in the matter of 3 Property Group 13 Pty Ltd (in liquidation) and Be Athletic Canberra Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2023] FCA 173 – Applications (contested) for retrospective approval of liquidator funding agreements under s 477(2B) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). Appeared for the liquidator, led by Matt Karam, instructed by McInnes Wilson.

*Independent Review of The Star Pty Ltd by Adam Bell SC under the Casino Control Act 1992* (2022) – Appeared for a former senior employee of The Star Pty Ltd at the Independent Review. Led by Peter Braham SC, instructed by Deutsch Miller.

*Fakhouri v The Secretary for the NSW Ministry for Health* (2022) – class action proceedings in Supreme Court of NSW. Junior medical officers seeking to recover unpaid wages. Advised and assisted the defendant in relation to preparation of lay evidence, instructed by Minter Ellison.

## PRO BONO

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*Aston & Vallis v Australian National University* (Civil Disputes) [2023] ACAT 74 – Advised the plaintiffs in relation to recovering fees paid in respect of occupancy agreements on the basis of frustration caused by public health measures associated with the covid-19 pandemic. Led by Steven Whybrow SC.

*Duty Barrister Scheme*, NSW Bar Association (2022 – present).

## QUALIFICATIONS

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Bachelor of Arts (English) / Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney, 2011 – 2016

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

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2022 – present	<b>Barrister</b> Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers
2017 – 2022	<b>Associate</b> Deutsch Miller