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PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

Qualifications: BA / LLB (Hons I & University Medal) (ANU)

Called to the Bar: 8 May 2020

Admitted to practice: 13 October 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

SELECT CASES

High Court of Australia

Full Court

- *Daniel & Anor v Commonwealth of Australia* (ongoing) (led by Ruth Higgins SC, David Hume SC and Christopher Tran, with Joshua Forrest)
- *White Australia Party Inc v Commonwealth of Australia* (ongoing) (led by Brendan Lim SC, with Jackson Wherrett)
- *Zonia Holdings Pty Ltd v Commonwealth Bank of Australia* [2026] HCATrans 35 & 36 (led by Noel Hutley SC, Elizabeth Collins SC, Imtiaz Ahmed SC, with Stephanie Crosbie)
- *O'Connell v DPP (ACT); DPP (ACT) v O'Connell* [2026] HCATrans 28 (led by Victoria Engel SC)
- *Hopper & Anor v State of Victoria* [2026] HCA 11 (led by Ruth Higgins SC, with Joshua Forrest)
- *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd* [2026] HCA 12 (written submissions) (led by Bret Walker SC, Paul McQueen and Connor Bannan)
- *Obeid v The King* [2026] HCA 1 (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 Lenahan 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

- *Panesar v Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia* (P13/2026) (ongoing) (led by Eric Heenan SC, with Sam Pack)
- *PKC v The King* (D1/2026) (ongoing) (led by Patrick Williams, with Lachlan Auld)
- *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

- *White Australia Party Inc v Commonwealth of Australia* [2026] HCASJ 17 (led by Brendan Lim SC, with Jackson Wherrett)
- *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* (judgment reserved) (led by James Arnott SC, with David Rowe)
- *Panesar v Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia* [2026] FCAFC 46 (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] FCFC 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* [2025] FCA 1602 (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)* (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* [2025] FCA 1565 (led by Adam Pomerence KC)
- *AJQ24 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)
- *Lidgett & Anor v Downer EDI Limited* (Supreme Court of Victoria, ongoing)
- *Westpac Banking Corporation v Chubb Insurance Australia Limited & Ors* (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by Garry Rich SC and Simon Fitzpatrick SC)
- *Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (No 26)* [2026] WASC 101 (led by John Rowland KC, Julie Taylor SC and Eric Heenan SC)
- *Stanley v State of New South Wales* [2025] NSWSC 1460 (led by Anne Horvath 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] WASCA 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* [2025] FedCFamC2G 2092 (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

- **Weinstein, Anderson, Marychurch & Wootton**, *Uniform Evidence in Australia* (4th 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

- **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 (2020-2023)
- **Duty Barrister Scheme**, NSW Bar Association (2020-2024)