

Tom Allchurch

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2026 – present	Barrister, Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers
2019-2026	NSW Crown Solicitor's Office • Principal Solicitor, Public Law and Commercial (Disputes Resolution) • Senior Solicitor, Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes • Solicitor and senior solicitor in various teams

EDUCATION

2023-2024	Master of Laws, New York University George Colin Award for Distinction in the Traditional LLM Law Program Dean's Graduate Award
2014-2018	Bachelor of Laws (Honours Class 1)/Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, University of New South Wales 3 rd in graduating year (out of 215) Scientia Scholarship (2014-2018)

PUBLICATIONS

'The Impact of a New and Widespread Contagious Disease on Pre-Existing Contractual Obligations' (2021) 95 *Australian Law Journal* 898 (winner of the Australian Academy of Law Essay Prize, 2020)

SELECTED CASES AS SOLICITOR

Public law

- *Mason & Ors v State of NSW* (NSD274/2024) – for State defending class action claiming racial discrimination relating to Aboriginal cultural fishing practices (instructing S Lloyd SC, C Lenehan SC, J Davidson SC, M Sherman, B Byrnes and B Green)
- *Commissioner of Police v Attorney General* [2025] NSWSC 1119 – for Attorney General in judicial review relating to scope of coronial jurisdiction (instructing D Kell SC and J Caldwell)
- *Gamage v Riashi* [2025] NSWCA 84 – for Director of Public Prosecutions and Independent Commission Against Corruption in appeal regarding power to commence prosecutions as common informer (instructing J Davidson and E Jones)

- “*Officer A*”, a pseudonym v *State Coroner of New South Wales* [2024] NSWSC 1531 – for Attorney General in judicial review relating to powers of Coroner to vary non-publication orders (instructing D Kell SC and C Raad)
- *Ruddick v Commonwealth of Australia* [2022] HCA 9; 275 CLR 333 – for NSW Attorney General (intervening); implied freedom of political communication (instructing M Sexton SC and M Adams)
- *T v South Western Sydney Local Health District* [2022] NSWSC 1173 – for defendant in challenge to community treatment order under *Mental Health Act 2007* (instructing E Holmes)
- *Attorney General v Collier (No 2)* [2022] NSWSC 903 and related cases in the NSW Supreme Court and Court of Appeal – for plaintiff applying for vexatious proceedings order (instructing D Birch)
- *Frankcom v Commissioner of Corrective Services* [2022] NSWSC 225 – for defendant in judicial review relating to COVID-19 (instructing M O’Brien)
- *Kayirici v Commissioner of Corrective Services* [2021] NSWSC 972 – for defendant in judicial review relating to COVID-19 (instructing C Palmer)
- *Houston v State of NSW (No 2)* [2021] FCA 637; 289 FCR 425 – for State defending claim for compensation under *Constitution* s 51(xxxi) (instructing J Kirk SC and J Davidson)
- *Wang v Purpose Pty Ltd t/as Botany View Hotel* [2021] NSWCA 10 – for NSW Attorney General in defending an appeal against a vexatious proceedings order (instructing D Birch)

Regulatory

- *Jit Builder Pty Ltd v Secretary, Department of Customer Service* [2025] NSWCATOD 161 – for respondent defending refusal to issue home building licence (as advocate)
- *HDS v Secretary, Department of Education* [2025] NSWCATAD 310 – for respondent defending prohibition notice issued to childcare worker (as advocate)
- *Zahedi v Secretary, Department of Customer Service* [2025] NSWCATOD 136 – for respondent defending refusal to issue home building licence (as advocate)
- *Famous Kids Family Day Care v Secretary, Department of Education* [2023] NSWCATAD 10 – for respondent defending cancellation of a family day care’s approval to operate (instructing T Epstein)
- *Secretary, Department of Education v Early Childhood Education Australia Pty Ltd* [2021] NSWCATAP 397 – for appellant seeking cancellation of a family day care’s approval to operate (instructing J Emmett SC and A Poukchanski)
- *Forever Family Day Care v Secretary, Department of Education* [2021] NSWCATAD 318; [2022] NSWCATAD 185 – for respondent defending cancellation of a family day care’s approval to operate and opposing stay application (as advocate)
- *The Griffith Hotel Pty Ltd and Anor v Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority* [2021] NSWSC 933 – for respondent in judicial review relating to gaming machine entitlements (instructing S Robertson)

Revenue and taxation

- *Walker v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2025] NSWCATAD 270 – for respondent defending re-assessment of eligibility for First Home Buyers Assistance Scheme (as advocate)
- *GWP v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2025] NSWCATAD 88 – for respondent defending assessment of interest on stamp duty for purchase of property off the plan (as advocate)

Privacy

- *FTD v NSW Ambulance* [2024] NSWCATAD 283 – for respondent defending alleged breaches of privacy (as advocate)
- *FZK v Department of Customer Service* [2024] NSWCATAP 185 – for respondent defending alleged breaches of privacy (as advocate)
- *EJE v Commissioner for Fair Trading* [2022] NSWCATAD 33 – for respondent defending alleged breaches of privacy (as advocate)
- *Insurance and Care NSW v EEH* [2021] NSWCATAP 350 – for appellant challenging orders made following breach of privacy (instructing J Curtin)
- *EOE v Hunter New England Local Health District* [2021] NSWCATAD 368 – for respondent defending alleged breaches of privacy (as advocate)
- *EJE v Western Sydney Local Health District* [2021] NSWCATAP 247 – for respondent defending alleged breaches of privacy (as advocate)

Freedom of information

- *Long v Commissioner of Police* [2026] NSWCATAD 177 – for respondent defending refusal to release personal information (as advocate)
- *Murdoch v Commissioner of Police* [2025] NSWCATAD 196 – for respondent defending refusal to release information relating to murder prosecution (as advocate)
- *GTY v Secretary, Department of Education* [2025] NSWCATAD 140 – for respondent defending refusal to release personal information of children subject to parenting orders (as advocate)
- *Christopher v Independent Commission Against Corruption* [2021] NSWCATAD 256; [2022] NSWCATAP 118 – for respondent defending refusal to release excluded information relating to amendment of *ICAC Act*, (instructing C Spruce)
- *Tallawoladah Pty Ltd v Department of Planning, Industry and Environment* [2021] NSWCATAD 248 – for respondent defending proposed release of information over third-party objection (as advocate)