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Admissions

2026	Barrister at the New South Wales Bar
2023	Lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Professional experience

2026 – current	Barrister – Sixth Floor
2025 – 2026	Associate to the Hon Chief Justice Stephen Gageler AC – High Court of Australia
2023 – 2024	Tipstaff & Associate to the Hon Justice Mark Leeming – New South Wales Supreme Court, Court of Appeal
2021 – 2022	Professional Assistant to the Solicitor-General of Western Australia (Joshua Thomson SC) – State Solicitor's Office (WA)

Education

2024 – 2025	Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) – University of Oxford Vinerian Scholarship (Proxime Accessit) (ranked 2nd overall in course) Studied on a John Monash Scholarship
2019 – 2022	Juris Doctor (Distinction) – University of Western Australia Ranked 2nd in graduating cohort Other prizes: <i>Dean's List (Academic Excellence and Research by Invitation)</i> ; <i>Corrs Prize in Legal Excellence</i> ; <i>Cecil Bedford Thompson Brown Memorial prize for Foundations of Public Law</i> ; <i>Peter Hanford Prize in Law</i> ; <i>Conflict of Laws Prize</i>
2015 – 2017	Bachelor of Science (Psychology) – University of Western Australia

Other experience, membership & involvements

2026	Visiting Research Fellow & Sessional Lecturer – Robert French Centre of Public Law, UWA Law School
2025 – 2026	Casual Academic – ANU Law School Australian Public Law; Torts; Postgraduate Law Dissertation
2020 – current	Member – Australian Association of Constitutional Law
2020	Research Assistant – UWA Law School

Publications

“An Australian Future for the Anti-Commandeering Doctrine: Might It Command Operation?” (2025) 53 *Federal Law Review* (e7) (with Professor Sarah Murray)

“The High Court’s Prudential Approach to Constitutional Adjudication: When is it Necessary to Resolve a Constitutional Question?” (2024) 47(1) *UNSW Law Journal* 211

- Earlier version delivered to WA Chapter of the ACL on 20 September 2022

“*Zhang v Commissioner of Australian Federal Police*: Reading Down, Prudence and Constitutional Doubt” (2023) 97(12) *Australian Law Journal* 902

“Examining the Intersection of Constitutional and Administrative Review under the *Wotton* Approach” (2023) 33(4) *Public Law Review* 315 (with Joshua Thomson SC)

- Earlier version delivered at the AIAL 2022 national conference
- Cited in *YBFZ v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] HCA 40 at [170]

“*Parklands Darwin Pty Ltd v Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics* [2021] NTSCFC 4: The ‘Direction Principle’ Diminished?” on AUPUBLAW (September 2021)

“Building Bridges to get over Broken Contracts: Restitution in *Ironbridge v O’Grady*” (2021) 35(2) *Commercial Law Quarterly* 20