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Education

Admitted as a Lawyer, Supreme Court of New South Wales	2011
Called to the Bar, New South Wales	2015
Admitted as Barrister of the High Court of Australia	2015
Called to the Bar, England and Wales	2017

Core Practice Areas

- Employment, Discrimination and Workplace Law
- Criminal Law (Commonwealth, Appellate and State)
- Commissions and Inquiries
- Defamation, Communications and Media
- Administrative and Public Law
- Commercial

Qualifications

Master of Laws (Distinction) (1st in course) , King's College London <i>Specialisation in Intellectual Property and Information Law</i>	2014
Graduate Certificate in Commercial Law , Deakin University <i>Dean's Merit List</i>	2013
Master of Laws , Australian National University	2012
Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) , University of Sydney	2011
Bachelor of Arts (Government) , University of Sydney	2010

Additional

Casual academic , University of New South Wales <i>Subjects taught: Privacy, Publicity and the Media</i>	2022
Casual academic , University of Technology, Sydney <i>Subjects taught: Evidence</i>	2015

Casual academic , University of Sydney <i>Subjects taught: Torts, Civil and Criminal Procedure, Evidence</i>	2011-12
Associate to Chief Justice Allsop , Federal Court of Australia	2015
Judge's Associate , Federal Court of Australia (Flick J, Farrell J)	2012, 2014
Law Reporter , NSW Law Reports	2011 to present

Selected Cases

Employment, Discrimination and Workplace Law

WorkPac Pty Ltd v Rossato and Ors [2021] HCA 23; 392 ALR 39, casual employee test case – High Court of Australia, led by B Walker SC, I Neil SC and D Chin SC for the successful appellant (also appeared as junior counsel in the Full Federal Court: ([2020] FCAFC 84).

Royal Mencap Society v Tomlinson-Blake [2021] UKSC 8; [2021] ICR 758; test case on UK national minimum wage – Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, led by Judy Stone for the Respondent.

Attorney-General's Department v O'Dwyer (2021), appeal raising the employee/independent contractor distinction in the Federal Court, unled for the Appellant (ongoing).

Peter Tainsh & Markus Willner v Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd [2021] FWC 4222, application for an unfair dismissal remedy, led by I Neil SC for the applicants.

Peter Tainsh & Markus Willner v Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd [2021] FWC 3381, resisting claim for privilege over workplace investigation documents, unled for the applicants.

SafeWork NSW v Ultra Refrigeration Pty Limited; SafeWork NSW v Romolo Prestia [2021] NSWDC 149, prosecution for a breach of duty under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*, led by David Chin SC for the defendant.

Numerous unled multi-day tribunal hearings in the UK Employment Tribunal.

Criminal Law (Commonwealth, Appellate and State)

Macdonald v R; Obeid v R; Obeid v R (2021), appeal from conviction for conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office, unled for the appellant, Mr Macdonald.

Miller v R (2021), committal proceedings for murder prosecution in the Local Court of Queensland, led by A Djemal for the accused.

Lazar v R (2021), appeal in the Court of Criminal Appeal, led by G Bashir SC for the appellant.

R v Lazar (2021), special hearing (Noman DCJ) concerning complex fraud and money laundering charges, unled for the accused.

R v Worth [2021] NSWDC 607, District Court sentence proceedings for cannabis cultivation, unled for the offender.

Lazar v R [2021] NSWCCA 132, waiver of legal professional privilege, unled for the appellant.

Sam Burgess v R [2021] NSWDC 165, appeal against conviction for an offence of intimidation, led by P Boulten SC for the appellant.

Elmir v R [2021] NSWCCA 19; 357 FLR 274, appeal against sentence for foreign incursion offence, leading A Vial for the appellant.

IM v The Queen [2020] HCATrans 194, application for special leave to appeal against sentence to the High Court, led by I Neil SC for the offender.

R v Ali (2020), prosecution for tobacco importation in the District Court (Arnott DCJ), unled for the defendant.

R v GN (No 2) [2020] NSWDC 524, sentence after trial, unled for the offender.

Booth v Khazaal [2020] FCA 1528, application for confirmation of interim control order in the Federal Court, leading J Elks for the respondent.

Booth v Khazaal [2020] FCA 1241, application for interim control order in the Federal Court, unled for the respondent.

Casey v R [2020] NSWCCA 177, appeal against conviction for historic sexual offences, led by P Boulten SC and P Lange for the appellant.

Neto v R [2020] NSWCCA 128, appeal against conviction for sexual offences, unled for the appellant.

Commissioner of Police v Vella (2019), application for a serious crime prevention order in the Supreme Court, led by G Bashir SC for the respondent.

Fitzgerald v R [2018] NSWCCA 170, appeal against sentence for an offence of aggravated break, enter and steal, led by P Lange for the appellant.

SY v R [2018] NSWCCA 6, appeal against conviction for indecent assault, led by P Boulten SC for the appellant.

Armstrong v R [2017] NSWCCA 323, appeal against conviction for sexual offences, led by G Jauncey and P Lange for the appellant.

Adams v R [2017] NSWCCA 215, appeal against conviction for murder, led by G James QC and P Lange for the appellant.

Kurniawan v R [2017] NSWCCA 171, appeal against sentence for drug offences, unled for the appellant.

Danny Lim v R [2017] NSWDC 231, appeal against conviction for offensive conduct in a political context, led by P Lange for the appellant.

Donai v R [2016] NSWCCA 212, appeal against conviction for two counts of murder, led by G James QC and P Lange for the appellant.

R v Lazar (2016), committal proceedings in the Local Court of NSW, led by G James QC for the accused.

R v SY (2016), prosecution for aggravated indecent assault in the District Court before a jury, led by G James QC for the accused.

R v Poirrier [2016] NSWDC 99, inquiry into an accused's fitness to stand trial in the District Court (Scotting DCJ), led by G James QC for the accused.

R v Adams (2016), prosecution for murder in the Supreme Court of NSW (judge-alone, Button J), led by P Lange.

R v Adams [2016] NSWSC 1359, successful application for a judge-alone trial in a prosecution for murder in the Supreme Court of NSW, unled.

Espinoza v R (2016), appeal against conviction and sentence in the District Court, led by G James QC for the appellant (unreported, 15 February 2016).

R v Adams [2015] NSWSC 1960, pre-trial ruling on the admissibility of tendency evidence in a prosecution for murder in the Supreme Court of NSW, led by P Boulten SC for the accused.

R v Abdallah (2015), prosecution for murder in the Supreme Court of NSW before a jury, led by S Herbert for the prosecution.

Commission and Inquiries

Inquest – Monica Chetty (ongoing), unled for an interested party.

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (UK), led by A Sharland QC for Nottinghamshire County Council.

Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption, led by N Hutley SC for the Australian Labor Party (Victorian Branch).

Defamation, Communications and Media

Australian National Imams Council v Australian Communication and Media Authority (2021), application for judicial review in the Federal Court of a decision to renew a community radio licence (ongoing), led by R Angyel SC.

John Barilaro v Jordan Shanks-Markovina & Anor (No 3) [2021] FCA 1100, application for a trial by jury in the Federal Court of Australia, led by Dr M Collins QC for Mr Shanks-Markovina.

John Barilaro v Jordan Shanks-Markovina & Anor (No 2) [2021] FCA 950, application to strike out imputations on the ground that parliamentary privilege operated to prevent a justification defence, led by Dr M Collins QC for Mr Shanks-Markovina.

Murphy v Nationwide News Pty Ltd [2021] FCA 381, led by Sue Chrysanthou SC for the applicant. Defamation proceedings against The Daily Telegraph.

Burrows v Houda (No.2) [2021] NSWDC 127, unled, for the defendant. Application to strike out defences (substantive proceedings ongoing).

Night Lawyer for *The Sun* (United Kingdom) (2019-2020), providing pre-publication advice on contempt, defamation and privacy.

Public and Administrative Law

Sbat v Commissioner of Police [2021] NSWCATAD 174, administrative review of decision to refuse internal review, unled for the applicant.

Libdy v Commissioner of Police [2021] NSWCATAD 122, merits review of decision to impose a firearms prohibition order (proceedings related to confidentiality of evidence/exhibits), unled for the applicant.

Solomon v Commissioner of Police [2021] NSWSC 236, judicial review of decision to impose a firearms prohibition order, unled for the applicant.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

Libdy v Commissioner of Police [2020] NSWCATAD 276, merits review of decision to impose a firearms prohibition order, unled for the applicant.

Attorney-General v Honourable Mark Dreyfus [2016] FCAFC 119; 242 FCR 472, appeal against a decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, led by M Dreyfus QC.

CMA v Children's Guardian [2016] NSWCATAD 264, application for review of a decision to cancel a working with children clearance in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, unled for the applicant.

AJX15 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection [2016] FCA 109, application for an extension of time to appeal against the decision of the Federal Circuit Court on an application for judicial review in the Federal Court, unled for the applicant.

Osman v Director of Public Prosecutions (No 2) [2016] NSWSC 1222, application for judicial review of a decision of the Local Court, unled for the applicant.

Commercial

Wondergarden Premium Early Learning v SMADA Group (2020), application for a declaration of a *Quistclose* trust (ongoing), unled for the Applicant.

Crosby Textor Research Strategies Results Pty Limited v Syed [2020] NSWSC 1792, application to vary a freezing order, unled for the first defendant.