
Qualifications

Sep 2012 – Jun 2013	Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) – University of Oxford, Postgraduate Masters
Jun 2010 – Feb 2011	Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) – Law Society of South Australia
Feb 2008 – Dec 2010	Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with First Class Honours – University of Adelaide
Feb 2004 – Nov 2007	Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) and Bachelor of Business (Commercial Law) (BBus(Comm Law)) – University of South Australia

Professional experience

Aug 2020 – Present	Barrister <ul style="list-style-type: none">5 Wentworth Chambers, Sydney
Nov 2015 – Jun 2020	Clayton Utz, Sydney <ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Associate (July 2018) - Competition, Consumer law, Regulation and Trade
Nov 2013 – Oct 2015	Camatta Lempens, Adelaide <ul style="list-style-type: none">Associate – Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution
Jun 2012 – Aug 2012	Associate to the Honourable Chief Justice Christopher Kourakis
Jul 2011 – Aug 2015	Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide <ul style="list-style-type: none">Tutor in Contract Law and Administrative Law
Mar 2011 – Jun 2012	Associate to the Honourable Chief Justice John Doyle AC
Nov 2010 – Mar 2011	Associate to the Honourable Justice Sulan
Jul 2010 – Aug 2010	Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide <ul style="list-style-type: none">Legal Research Assistant to Associate Professor Alexander Reilly and Dr Laura Grenfell

Sample of matters

Clayton Utz, Sydney*Advised and acted for:*

- a major pharmaceutical company to respond to a dawn raid conducted by the ACCC, AFP, and ATO in relation to suspected cartel conduct. A conditional immunity application was made to the ACCC but the marker was ultimately withdrawn, there being no case to answer for cartel conduct;
- a major international bank to defend the foreign exchange (FX) cartel class action, which was commenced in relation to alleged cartel conduct in the foreign exchange market in the period 1 January 2008 to 15 October 2013;
- Pacific National to defend proceedings brought by the ACCC alleging Pacific National's acquisition of the Acacia Ridge Terminal from Aurizon would have the likely effect of substantially lessening competition in breach of section 50 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (CCA):
 - ACCC v Pacific National Pty Limited (No 2) [2019] FCA 669**; and
 - ACCC v Pacific National Pty Limited [2020] FCAFC 77**;
- the Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda companies to defend the diesel emissions regulatory proceedings and class action proceedings:
 - ACCC v Volkswagen Aktiengesellschaft [2019] FCA 2166**; and
 - Cantor v Audi Australia Pty Limited (No 5) [2020] FCA 637**;

- a major Australian bank in relation to various aspects of the Prudential Inquiry into the Commonwealth Bank of Australia conducted by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority;
- a major Australian bank in relation to the Financial Services Royal Commission;
- a major Australian bank to apply for conditional immunity for potential cartel conduct, an anti-competitive understanding, and a concerted practice. The criminal cartel provisions were considered. The marker was ultimately withdrawn, there being no case to answer;
- a major international bank to respond to regulatory investigations related to the “Forex Scandal”. Jurisdictions included Australia, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, and South Korea;
- an international solar panel cell manufacturer and distributor with respect to an alleged breach of a joint venture agreement it had formed with a large international solar panel manufacturer and distributor. The dispute was arbitrated in the International Court of Arbitration and raised matters of Australian law including cartel conduct, exclusive dealing, the scope and operation of the joint venture exception for cartel conduct under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth);
- a major Australian energy company on various aspects of its business for the purpose of ensuring compliance following the commencement of the Harper Reforms, including market power issues in the electricity, gas, LNG, and transport markets;
- a major Australian media company to acquire businesses and assets in Australia, requiring clearance with the ACCC;
- Government departments on potential competition law risks associated with various initiatives regarding the Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek;
- a Government entity on ways it could lawfully act, both generally and from a competition law perspective, to achieve policy changes with respect to the disposal of asbestos;
- various pharmaceutical companies on competition law issues that arose around the time of patent expiry.

Camatta Lempens, Adelaide

Advised and acted for:

- a defendant in insolvency proceedings in the Supreme Court of South Australia in relation to claims made by the liquidator that the defendant received a corporation’s funds with knowledge that the transfer was made by a director in breach of fiduciary duty, including as counsel in an interlocutory application made by other defendants:
 - ***Matthews v Shaw* [2014] SASC 74;**
- defendants in proceedings in the Supreme Court of South Australia in a matter involving a dispute on the propriety of the termination of a commission agency agreement to which it was alleged the Oil Code applied. The matter settled during mediation;
- an appellant to successfully appeal against a decision of the District Council of the Copper Coast to refuse to grant Development Plan Consent for a change of use of an existing large hay and machinery storage shed to a manufacturing and general engineering use:
 - ***Cooper v District Council of the Copper Coast* [2016] SAERDC 5**

Awards and achievements

- 2012: Accepted to the University of Oxford’s postgraduate Bachelor of Civil Law (BCL) Masters programme.
- 2011: Admitted as a practitioner of the Supreme Court of South Australia and the High Court of Australia.
- 2010: Dean’s Certificate for “Adelaide Law Review A and B” for highest grade.
- 2010: Dean’s Certificate for “Remedies” for highest grade.
- 2009: Summer Research Scholarship.

- 2009: Stow Prize for ‘exceptional merit in not less than two subjects’.
- 2009: Dean’s Certificate for “Constitutional Law” for highest grade.
- 2009: Howard Zelling Prize for “Constitutional Law” for overall excellence.
- 2009: Thomson Lawbook Company Prize for the most outstanding merit in law subjects.
- 2008: Dean’s Certificate for “Law of Torts 2” for highest grade.

Selection of publications

- Co-author of Adrian Zuckerman, Stephanie Wilkins, Jonathan Adamopoulos, Alexander Vial, Andrew Higgins, and Stephanie Hooper, *Zuckerman on Australian Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice* (LexisNexis, 2018).
- Current contributor to Thomson Reuters’ “Practical Law Australia” service for competition law.
- Linda Evans and Alexander Vial, ‘Settlement Practices in Australia: The distinction between civil and criminal penalties’ (2016) 44 *Australian Business Law Review* 300.
- Alexander Vial, ‘The Minimum Entrenched Supervisory Review Jurisdiction of State Supreme Courts - Kirk v Industrial Relations Commission (NSW) (2010) 239 CLR 531’ (2011) 32(1) *Adelaide Law Review* 145 (cited in *Simpson v Andrew Maynard Architects Pty Ltd* [2014] VSC 365; (2014) 287 FLR 418 at [35] per Garde J).
- Reporter of the Western Australian Law Reports and South Australian State Reports.

Other legal editorial, research and writing experience

- 2012 – 2013: Contributor and assistant editor to the University of Oxford’s Professor of Civil Procedure Adrian Zuckerman’s United Kingdom text: *Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice* (3rd ed, LexisNexis 2013).
- 2012 – 2013: Appointed to Associate Editor of the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal.
- 2010 – Appointed to Student Editor of the Adelaide Law Review by the Dean of Adelaide Law School.
- 2009 – 2010: Awarded a scholarship and subsequently employed to provide research to assist in the writing of Reilly, Appleby, Grenfell and Lacey, *Australian Public Law* (Oxford University Press 2011).

Professional associations and committees

- Member of the New South Wales Bar Association.
- Experts Working Group of the Procedural Executive Committee of the Supreme Court of South Australia (2014 to 2015).
- Life member of the Oxford Union Debating Society.
- Life member of the Oxford Bar Society.
- Life member of the Golden Key International Honour Society.