Anna Elizabeth

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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Anna was called to the New South Wales Bar in May 2021. She is also a member of the Victoria Bar.

Anna accepts briefs in all types of commercial disputes where she has experience in large and complex commercial matters, gained both at the bar and as a solicitor. She is often relied upon in the context of disputes concerning commercial contracts, property, maritime, transport, infrastructure as well as in regulatory matters.

Anna has a particular interest in energy and resources and accepts briefs in all matters relating to those industries. Anna is familiar with complex energy pricing principles, transfer pricing and benchmarking, oil and gas pricing, take-or-pay contracts, the short term traded gas market and rules, offtake agreements, access arrangements and regulated infrastructure. In addition, she has experience working with airports and gas pipeline operators. Anna has acted for major gas companies and manufactures on matters concerning the National Gas Law and Rules and the Electricity Law and Rules as well as other energy and gas laws and regulations.

In the transport sector, she has acted for a wide range of parties including terminal operators, bunker suppliers and ship managers. She has also acted for and against both the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) and ASIC. All in, she brings 17 years of legal and commercial experience to the matters she is briefed on.

Anna is Treasurer of the NSW branch of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (MLAANZ). She is the law reporter for the specialist Report series, the Australian Resources Law Review published by Thompson Reuters.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Anna was a litigator in the commercial disputes team at Arnold Bloch Leibler and served as an Associate to Foster J in the Federal Court of Australia for 18 months, among other roles.

Anna's law degrees were marked by prizes for academic achievement, as set out below. Selected cases are set out at the end of the document.

Anna is based in Sydney but is often briefed on interstate matters, particularly for energy and infrastructure disputes and is content to travel as required.

Areas of Practice

- Appellate
- Banking, Securities and Insolvency
- Class Actions & Representative Proceedings
- Commercial Litigation
- Competition
- Corporate
- Equity
- Insurance
- Property Law/Commercial/Retail & Real Property
- Regulatory
- Shipping and Marine (Admiralty)
- Trade Practices
- Trusts

Education

University of Melbourne – Bachelor of Commerce

University of Western Australia – Master of Commercial and Resource Law
Awards

- Clayton Utz Postgraduate Award for Energy and Resources Law
- Johnson Winter and Slattery Prize in Law for the highest weighted average mark in MCRLaw

Juris Doctor – Monash University (undertaken while working at BP Australia)
Awards

- Contract B, Highest Mark (T2)
- Mediation A&B, Highest Mark
- Mediation B, Academic Prize

Programs

- Maddocks' High Academic Achievers' Program for the top 10 students in the course.

Leadership

- Competitions Officer, Juris Doctor Monash Law Students' Society.

Activities

- Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Team Monash, Vienna (Speaker).
- International Chamber of Commerce Pre-Moot, Paris (Speaker).
- White & Case Pre-Moot, Paris (Speaker).

Experience

Barrister, 5 Wentworth Chambers | 2021 – Present

Solicitor and Associate, various | March 2015 – May 2021

- Experience working on a range of commercial and regulatory matters including acting for the Australian Energy Regulator; for a defendant in a fraud matter brought by ASIC; for a major offshore floating gas producer in a multi-billion dollar arbitration.

- Strong ability to work with and manage large discovery databases and applications for discovery/further and better discovery.
- Worked across Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra (previously admitted as a solicitor in each jurisdiction) familiarity with practice and procedure of the Court of these jurisdictions.

Associate to The Hon. Justice Lindsay Foster, Federal Court of Australia | January 2019 – July 2020

BP Australia | Melbourne and Perth, 2006 – 2014
Role

- Commercial Pricing Advisor
- Strategic Pricing Analyst
- Western Australia Gas Manager
- Other analyst roles

Experience gained over 7 years at BP (while completing JD and Law Masters):

- Extensive knowledge of pricing principles, including concepts of transfer pricing, net-back pricing and assessing profit.
- Experienced in working with complex pricing models and assessing the costs and competitive effects of infrastructure and competitive forces.
- Ability to work with spreadsheets and large volumes of data.

Appointments / Memberships

Treasurer the NSW branch of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (MLAANZ)

Member of the Comité Maritime International (CMI) Working Group, Australia

Admissions

Barrister, New South Wales
2021

Barrister, Victoria
2025

Admitted as a solicitor to the following jurisdictions and the High Court of Australia:

- New South Wales, 2019
- Australian Capital Territory, 2017
- Victoria, 2015

Selected Publications

Anna Elizabeth and Lee J (ed), 'Limitations on the Scope of a Court's Power to Make Any Order it thinks Appropriate Under s 33ZF or s 183: The High Court's Decision in the Brewster and Lenthall Cases' (2020) 94 *Australian Law Journal* 591.

Anna Elizabeth, '*Limiting Liability Arising from the Baltimore Bridge*

Collision Incident' (June 2024) Semaphore (Newsletter of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand)

'*Expert Evidence in Maritime Arbitration'*, presented in March 2026 at the he 23rd International Congress of Maritime Arbitrators (ICMA XXIII) in Singapore

Anna is also a reporter for the following Thomson Reuters report series in which all jurisdictions are covered:

i. *Australian Resources Law Reports* (ARLR): the ARLR is the only specialist report series in Australia dealing with mining, energy and resources law.

Selected Cases

Energy and Resources

AER v Transgrid, led by Nicholas De Young KC and Tom Clarke (Mallesons)

East Timor Holdings Pty Ltd v Osborne & Anor, Federal Court, led variously by Anais D'Arville, Adam Hocroth SC and Elliot Hyde SC (Henry Williams Lawyers)

NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, advice, led by Kate Richardson SC

Trafigura Pty Ltd v Park Pty Ltd, Supreme Court of NSW, led by Elisabeth Peden SC (now Peden J) (Hall & Willcox)

AER v Jemena Eastern Gas Pipeline & Ors, Federal Court of Australia, led by Ruth Higgins SC (Freehills)

Investigation into a retail energy company briefed by the AER, originally led by Frances Gordon KC, then Oren Bigos SC (Norton Rose)

Transport

Origin Grain Pty Ltd v Quattro P Re Services Pty Ltd & Qube Logistics (Aust) Pty Ltd, Qube Logistics (SB) Pty Ltd and Qube Logistics (Rail) Pty Ltd, Federal Court of Australia, led by Ed Cox SC (Kennedys)

Competition and Consumer

AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd [2023] FCA 1022, Federal Court of Australia, led by Tim Castle SC and Charles Parkinson KC (HWL)

Flip Out Thornton v Flip Out Arena Franchises, Supreme Court of NSW, led by Jason Lazarus SC

Stillwater Pastoral Company Pty Ltd (ACN 101 400 668) v Stanwell Corporation Ltd (ACN 078 848 674) & Anor, Federal Court of Appeal (ongoing), led by Justin Gleeson SC and Tim Breakspear SC (Norton Rose)

Man Hay Lau v Anglican Community Services [2025] NSWDC 193; Man Hay Lau v Anglicare Anglican Community Services (No. 2) [2025] NSWDC 211, NSW District Court, unled (Barry Nillson). Successfully defended appeal and succeeded on cross-appeal: *Lau v Anglican Community Services* [2026] NSWCA 53, unled.

Admiralty /Shipping and maritime

Dan-Bunkering (Singapore) Pte Ltd v The Ship Yangtze Fortune (No 3) [2024] FCA 219, Federal Court of Australia, (led by Greg O'Mahoney) (Norton White)

Delta Corp Ship Management DMCCO v The Ship "Caledonian Sky" IMO 8802870, Federal Court of Australia, (led by Greg O'Mahoney) (Norton Wilson)

Brontes Security LLC v Lihir Chief (formerly Charlie B) (No 2) [2023] FCA 515, Federrl Court of Australia, led by James Emmett SC (Norton Wilson)

Wolverine Nominees Pty Ltd v Newcastle Marine Services Pty Ltd, District Court on NSW (unled)

BT Equipment Pty Ltd t/as Tutt Bryant Equipment v FMS Seaways AG & Anor, Federal Court, (unled, Wotton Kearney)

Various cargo disputes

Contract
AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd [2023] FCA 1022 (HWL)

Origin Grain Pty Ltd v Quattro P Re Services Pty Ltd & Qube Logistics (Aust) Pty Ltd, Qube Logistics (SB) Pty Ltd and Qube Logistics (Rail) Pty Ltd, Federal Court of Australia, settled, led by Ed Cox SC (Kennedys)

The Al-Zeeko Lounge Pty Ltd v Beverly Hills Dental Care Pty Ltd, Supreme Court of NSW, settled, unled

IAZ Logistics Pty Ltd ACN 646454846 as Trustee for IAZ Logistics Trust ABN 44957229252 v Deliver Group Pty Ltd [2023] NSWDC 396, District Court, unled

Equity / Property
Malass v Alam, Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing, originally led by James Hutton SC (*ex parte* freezing orders and urgent interlocutory relief), now Jonathan Redwood SC

Talatala v Esguerra, Supreme Court of NSW, unled

Gong v Tasman Funds Management Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 1366

Corporations
In the matter of Meglo-Yowrie Flat Units Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 1160, Supreme Court of NSW, unled

Re Meglo-Yowrie Flat Units Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 1634; *Re Meglo-Yowrie Flat Units Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2024] NSWSC 443; Supreme Court of NSW, led by Josh Knackstredt

Regulatory proceedings
Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) v Ferratum Australia Pty Ltd (In Liq) (2023) 169 ACSR 553, Federal Court of Australia, led by Rachel Francois SC

AER v Jemena Eastern Gas Pipeline & Ors, Federal Court of Australia, settled, led by Ruth Higgins SC (Freehills)

Appeals
Stillwater Pastoral Company Pty Ltd (ACN 101 400 668) v Stanwell Corporation Ltd (ACN 078 848 674) & Anor, Federal Court of Appeal (ongoing), led by Justin Gleeson SC and Tim Breakspear SC (Norton Rose)

Lau v Anglican Anglican Community Services [2026] NSWSC 53*,* NSW Supreme Court of Appeal, unled (Barry Nilsson)

AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd (No 2) [2025] FCAFC 97, Federal Court of Australia (suppression non-publication orders) (HWL)

AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd [2025] FCAFC 86, led by Noel Hutley SC, Tim Castle SC and Charles Parkinson KC (HWL) (including application for special leave to appeal)

Ali v Insurance Australia Limited [2022] NSWSCA 369, led by Tim Castle SC