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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Intellectual Property.
- Employment and Industrial.
- Competition and Consumer.
- General Commercial.
- Commissions and Inquiries.

ADMISSIONS

- Barrister, New South Wales **2015**
(Ludlow's award: highest aggregate mark July 2014 bar exams)
- Solicitor, New South Wales and High Court of Australia **2006**

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Laws (Hons): University of Cambridge **2009**
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons): University of Sydney **2005**
- Bachelor of Arts (Hons): University of Sydney **2001**

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Senior Associate and Solicitor: Allens Linklaters **2006-2015**

- Advising on the application of Part IV of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) and the Australian Consumer Law including misuse of market power, exclusive dealing and cartel conduct.
- Obtaining ACCC merger clearance for clients in industries including medical devices, pharmaceuticals, mining and manufacturing.
- Representing clients in defending proceedings brought by the ACCC and others including: acting for Pfizer Australia in defending misuse of market power proceedings: *ACCC v Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd* [2015] FCA 113; Viscas Corporation in defending cartel proceedings: *ACCC v Prysmian & Ors* [2013] FCA 294 and Amcor Limited in defence of a cartel class action damages claim: *Jarra Creek Central Packing Shed Pty Ltd v Amcor Australia* [2011] FCA 298.

Associate: Slaughter and May London**2010-2011**

- Advising clients on the application of UK and EU competition law, Competition Appeal Tribunal proceedings and obtaining OFT clearance for three significant mergers (including a merger to monopoly).

Inner Temple Trust Pegasus Scholar**2009**

- Scholarship at the London Bar: Monckton Chambers, One Essex Court, Charter Chambers. Assisted in the preparation of submissions for the UK's first criminal cartel prosecution.

Associate to Hon Justice Bennett AC (Federal Court of Australia)**2008-2009**

- Assisting her Honour with respect to hearings and docket matters.

OTHER EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS AND RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Chair of the Medicines Australia Code of Conduct and Appeals Committee (2016 to date).
- Casual Academic Lecture, LLM Employment Law Advocacy, University of Sydney (2024 to date).
- Casual Academic Lecturer in Evidence Law, University of Sydney Law Extension Committee (2016 to 2023).
- Member of IPSANZ and the NSW Bar Association.
- Member of the NSW Bar Association Practice Development Committee (2022 to date).
- Recent publications:
 - "I am; therefore, I think: establishing a corporation's state of mind" (June 2025) Law Society Journal: C Bembrick, A Vial and M Donohue.
 - "ACCC v BlueScope Steel – cartels and 'attempts to induce'" (February 2023) Law Society Journal: C Bembrick and A Vial.
 - "An Australian first: Custodial sentences for cartel conduct" (October 2022) Law Society Journal: C Bembrick and L Witt.
 - "A cautionary tale for IP settlement agreements" (September 2022) Law Society Journal: C Cochrane and C Bembrick.
 - "Exposed to Part IV of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth): How Do We Settle Patent Cases Now?" (2022) 129 Intellectual Property Forum 23: C Cochrane, C Bembrick and A Vial.
 - "Anti-competitive IP transactions under the spotlight" (October 2020) Law Society Journal: C Bembrick and L Witt.
 - "Paying the price: sentencing for criminal cartel conduct" (July 2020) Law Society Journal: C Bembrick and L Witt.
 - "Privilege pitfalls – implied waiver in email chains" (July 2019) Law Society Journal: C Cochrane and C Bembrick.
 - "Admission to the Manner of Manufacture Club – Patent Eligibility of Computer Implemented Business Methods" (2019) 116 Intellectual Property Forum 51: C Cochrane and C Bembrick.