

QUALIFICATIONS

- 2019 – 2020 **Master of Law (Hons) – University of Cambridge**
- Papers: international commercial litigation; law of restitution; advanced private law; and legislation.
 - Satisfied the examiners in commercial law.
- 2011 – 2016 **Bachelor of Arts (Media & Communications)/Bachelor of Laws (Hons) – University of Sydney**
- Prizes and scholarships*
- Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance (2016);
 - International Exchange Scholarships (2016 and 2014);
 - Academic Merit Prize (2016 and 2013);
 - Winner, Justice Gummow Cup (intervarsity equity moot, 2015);
 - Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Exchange Scholarship (2014);
 - Marion Macaulay Bequest Scholarship (2014);
 - Stephen Salsbury Prize for the Relationship of Economics to Politics (2012); and
 - Catherine Lumby Prize for Excellence in Media and Communication Studies (2011).
- Exchange programs:*
- Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands (2016).
 - Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., United States (2014).

ADMISSIONS

- May 2022 Barrister, New South Wales.
- Oct 2017 Lawyer, Supreme Court of New South Wales.

PROFESSIONAL WORK

- 2022 – **Barrister – 5 Wentworth Chambers**
- Areas of practice:
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| • Banking & finance | • Equity & trusts |
| • Bankruptcy & insolvency | • Public & private international law |
| • Contracts & commercial | • Public law |
| • Corporations | • Real property |
| | • Trade practices |

Committees:

- NSW Bar Association Wellbeing Committee (2022 – present).
- NSW Bar Association New Barristers Committee (2023 – 2024).

- 2021 – 2022 **Associate – Allens (with secondment to the Dispute Resolution Group at the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited)**
- Acting for the Bank in commercial litigation and regulatory investigations spanning various areas of commercial law.
 - Matters before various courts and tribunals, mainly state Supreme Courts.
- 2020 – 2021 **Lawyer – Arnold Bloch Leibler**
- Practice in the litigation division, focusing on general commercial litigation and white-collar crime.
 - Matters spanned various jurisdictions including the Local Court, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the Federal Court of Australia.
- 2018 – 2019 **Lawyer – Gilbert + Tobin**
- Rotations in the litigation and tax practice groups.
 - Practice in commercial litigation in various courts and tribunals and acted for Westpac in the Banking Royal Commission.
 - Advised on tax implications of various proposed banking and corporate transactions.
 - Practice in pro bono matters including advice nights at Marrickville Legal Centre; advice and litigation for the Refugee Advice and Casework Service; and wills and estates for First Nations clients.
- 2017 – 2019; 2021 **Casual Academic – University of Sydney**
Examiner in Federal Constitutional Law under supervision of Professor Gerangelos.
- 2017 – 2018 **Associate – The Hon. Justice Farrell, Federal Court of Australia**
- 2015 – 2016 **Summer clerk and paralegal – Gilbert + Tobin**
Secondment in July and August 2016 as intern at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) in its criminal law division in Katherine, the Northern Territory.
- 2014 – 2015 **Paralegal – Australian Securities Exchange Limited (ASX)**

2013 **Intern Journalist – *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Sun-Herald* (Fairfax Media)**

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

2025 Fabian Di Lizia and Kevin Connor SC, ‘The polite judge – Charles Bowen’ (2025) 56 *Aust Bar Review* (forthcoming).

2021 Fabian Di Lizia, ‘The Requirement of Property or Possessory Rights for Relief Against Forfeiture’ (2021) 95 *Australian Law Journal* 641.

2018 Fabian Di Lizia, ‘More Than Just a Humble Abode: The Implications of Constitutional Citizenship Rights for Passport Law’ (2018) 44(1) *University of Western Australia Law Review* 116.

OTHER LANGUAGES

Italian: fluent proficiency.

French: basic proficiency.

Spanish: elementary proficiency.

SELECT CASES

Corporations and insolvency

- *Special Gold Pty Ltd (in liq) v Dylam Developments Pty Ltd (subject to a deed of company arrangement) (No 2)* [2025] FCA 825 (led by J C Giles SC and M L Rose – for the plaintiff – breach of directors’ duties – accessorial liability).
- *Marsden, In the matter of Brindabella Christian Education Limited (Administrators Appointed)* [2025] FCA 456 (led by J Hynes – for the plaintiffs – urgent application for directions to administrators).
- *Starbelle Energy Pty Ltd ATF the Cronulla Coal Unit Trust v Louttit (Liquidator)* [2024] FCA 1172 (led by M L Rose – for the plaintiff – removal of liquidator).
- *Smart EV Solutions Pty Ltd v Guy (No 2)* [2024] FCA 1102 (unled – for the applicants/cross-respondents – application for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of corporations).
- *OL1 Pty Ltd (in liq) v OLG 1 Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2022] NSWSC 1199; 164 ACSR 171 (led by A J Macauley – for the plaintiff – breach of directors’ duties; contract; limitation of actions).

Equity and trusts

- *Teterin v Linrod Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1635 (led by T O'Brien – for the first and fourth defendants – application to remove trustee; alleged breach of fiduciary duties; see [2025] NSWSC 81 for determination on costs).
- *Guo v Yufeng Investment Group (Australia) Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1599 (led by J Kay Hoyle SC – for the first and fourth defendants – claim for breach of joint venture agreement; fiduciary duties).
- *Engadine Medical Imaging Services Pty Ltd ATF the Engadine Unit Trust v Ibrahim* [2024] NSWSC 1399 (led by G A Sirtes SC – for the third to sixth defendants – alleged breaches of fiduciary duties and joint venture; see [2025] NSWSC 126 for determination on costs).
- *Mao v Bao* [2024] HCASL 110 (led by H Stowe – for the respondent – equitable set-off; *Brickenden* principle).

Property law

- *ReoSteel Holdings Pty Ltd v AonAri PT10 Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by G A Sirtes SC – for the plaintiff – commercial lease).
- *GMDA Pty Ltd ATF the GMD Family Trust v Baladi* (Supreme Court of NSW) (led by M Pesman SC – for the plaintiff – application for sale of property under s 66G *Conveyancing Act 1919* (NSW); injunction; alleged breach of fiduciary duties).
- *Wang v Owners SP 100242* (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Senior Member de Jersey, unreported, 20 March 2024) (unled – for the respondent – claim under s 106(5) of the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015* (NSW)).
- *Rofe Way Pty Ltd v Ronald in her capacity as administrator of the estate of the late Anthony Charles Ronald* [2023] NSWSC 1086 (unled – for the plaintiff/applicant – application for removal of caveat; injunction).
- *Aust-One Investment Pty Ltd v New World Investments Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWCA 22; 111 NSWLR 39; 20 BPR 42,861 (led by A J Macauley – for the appellant – positive covenants; conditional easements; conditional benefit principle).

Commercial and contract

- *SP Multi Claims Holdings, LLC v Digital Surge Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by M Pesman SC – for first defendant – claim in contract/for specific performance).
- *Starbelle Energy Pty Ltd ATF the Cronulla Coal Unit Trust v Madsen & Ors* (Federal Court of Australia, ongoing) (led by J Giles SC and M L Rose – for the plaintiff – misleading or deceptive conduct; breach of contract; fiduciary duties; accessory liability; unconscionability).
- *TQM Design & Construct Pty Ltd v Entire Concrete Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWDC 502 (unled – for the defendant – claim for breach of contract for delivery of defective goods).
- *Victoria Wide Building Supplies Pty Ltd v Aston Concrete Pty Ltd* (Local Court of NSW, Brender LCM, unreported, 24 July 2025) (unled – for the plaintiff – claim in contract/debt for supply of concrete).

Building and construction

- *Brennan Constructions (NSW) Pty Ltd v Kemourtzis* (District Court of NSW, Andronos DCJ SC, unreported, 1 May 2025) (unled – for the defendant – application for stay of judgment debt under the *Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999* (NSW)).
- *Remedial Building Services Australia Pty Ltd v Owners SP No. 14364* (Local Court of NSW, Brender LCM, unreported, 19 December 2024) (unled – for the defendant – claim under the *Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999* (NSW)).
- *Owners SP No. 92283 v Aushome Construction Pty Ltd* (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Senior Member Ellis SC, unreported, 18 April 2024) (unled – for the applicant – renewal of proceedings where claim for building defects).
- *A confidential arbitration proceeding concerning a large road project* (International Chamber of Commerce, Singapore seat) (led by J Giles SC, M Sheldon and K Sutton).

Practice and procedure

- *Rahman v Zeaiter* [2024] NSWSC 1082 (unled – for the respondent – leave to appeal from NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal; residential tenancy).
- *Guan v Vic Holding Group Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of NSW, Elkaim AJ, unreported, 26 September 2023) (unled – for the respondent/plaintiff – security for costs).
- *Romanos v Punjabi Fusion Group Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 1119 (unled – for the respondents/applicants – motion to transfer proceedings to NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal; lease dispute).
- *Advance Investments & Financial Services Group Pty Ltd v IPG Group Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 961 (unled – for the respondent/plaintiff – motion to set aside default judgment).
- *Profitability Consulting Pty Ltd v High Country Group (Australia) Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWCATAP 4 (unled – for the applicant – stay pending appeal; standing to appeal).
- *Mace Central Pty Ltd v Franco* [2022] NSWSC 1463 (unled – for the plaintiff – court approval of settlement).

Miscellaneous

- *Dayadaya v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] FCA 1284 (unled – for the applicant (pro bono) – judicial review of decision to cancel a visa).
- *R v Lazar* (District Court, Townsden DCJ, unreported, 12 May 2023) (led by C Parkin – for the defendant – application pursuant to *Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967* (NSW)).
- *R v Lazar* (District Court, Townsden DCJ, unreported, 30 November 2022) (led by C Parkin – for the defendant – theft of cattle; making of a false statement).
- *R v Lazar* (District Court, Townsden DCJ, unreported, 2 September 2022) (led by C Parkin – for the defendant – directed acquittal).