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Areas of Practice Julian accepts briefs in all areas of law and particularly focuses on commercial, industrial and administrative law.

Appointments **Barrister** | 2024
Solicitor | 2018

Education **University of Cambridge – Master of Law (First Class)** | 2021 – 2022

University of New South Wales | 2013 – 2017

- **Bachelor of Laws (Hons I)**
Placed on the 2017 Dean’s List for first place in corporations law.
- **Bachelor of Economics (Distinction)**

Experience **Barrister, 5 Wentworth Chambers** | 2024 – Present

Associate to Justice Katzmann of the Federal Court of Australia | 2023 – 2024
Assisted Justice Katzmann with the conduct of trials and appellate proceedings by undertaking legal research, preparing judgments for delivery and liaising with parties.

Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills | 2018 – 2021

- Acted for corporate clients in general commercial litigation, class actions, regulatory proceedings and royal commissions.
- Advised on issues relating to financial services regulation, constitutional law, and administrative law.
- Drafted statements in support of applications for protection visas for the Refugee Advice and Casework Service and appeared in various Local Courts and drafted submissions in support of claims for recognition payments for the Shopfront Youth Legal Centre.

Vacation Clerk and Paralegal, Herbert Smith Freehills | 2016 – 2017

Conducted legal research, reviewed documents, and assisted with drafting agreements, court documents, and evidence.

Paralegal, Mackenzie Thomas Lawyers | 2015 – 2016

Conducted legal research, registered documents, and assisted with drafting court documents and evidence in a boutique financial services practice.

Notable Cases (as a solicitor)

Richmond Valley Council v JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd [2022] NSWSC 1761

- Class action brought by local councils alleging breach of contract, negligence, and breach of fiduciary duty by their insurance broker in relation to the operation of a mutual local government property and liability insurance scheme in NSW.
- Case also involved an interlocutory motion to declass the proceedings.
- Also acted in a concurrent class action brought by Victorian local councils against the same defendant in relation to a mutual property insurance scheme, which was discontinued by the plaintiffs in 2024 following delivery of judgment in the New South Wales proceeding.

Australian Energy Regulator v AGL HP1 Pty Ltd [2022] FCA 737

- Enforcement action brought by the AER alleging breach of generator performance standards applicable to four wind farms which ceased generation immediately prior to the 2016 state-wide blackout in South Australia.

EG FuelCo (Australia) Ltd v Ampol Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd [2021] NSWSC 989

- Application for an interlocutory mandatory injunction brought by the defendant to access the plaintiff's petrol stations to re-brand them following the termination of an intellectual property licensing agreement with a third party.

Clime Capital Limited v UGL Pty Ltd [2020] FCA 66

- A class action brought by shareholders alleging breach of continuous disclosure obligations relating to cost overruns on a power plant construction project.

Notable Advisory Work (as a solicitor)

Key topics advised upon included potential avenues of challenge to the validity and exercise of:

- contracting and divestiture powers by the ACCC and the Commonwealth Treasurer under Part XICA of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth);
- product intervention powers by ASIC under Part 7.9A of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), including the implications of the judgment in *Cigno Pty Ltd v ASIC [2020] FCA 479*;
- the power to approve the conduct of a pharmacy business by the Pharmacy Council of New South Wales under Schedule 5F to the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law 2009* (NSW).

Selected Publications

- [First judicial challenge to ASIC's use of its new product intervention power fails](#), HSF Notes (21 April 2020)
- [Understanding the Administrative Appeals Tribunal \(AAT\) – Recommendations for Government Reform](#), Herbert Smith Freehills Legal Briefings (29 July 2019)
- [Federal Court considers meaning of 'carrying on a business in Australia' and applies informal service rule to a foreign corporation \(2019\) 259 Corporate Law Bulletin 17](#) – considered the impact of the decision of the Federal Court in *TCL Airconditioner (Zhongshan) Co Ltd v Castel Electronics Pty Ltd* [2019] FCA 257 on the test for whether a company carries on a business in Australia under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).
- [High Court clarifies uncertainty surrounding amendment of registered scheme constitutions](#), Herbert Smith Freehills Legal Briefings (17 December 2018)
- [ASIC extends FFSP exemptions for a further 12 months](#), Hebert Smith Freehills Legal Briefings (21 September 2018)
- [NSW Supreme Court confirms that ASIC examinations abrogate privilege against self-incrimination \(2018\) 252 Corporate Law Bulletin 30](#) – analysed the implications of the decision of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in *TW McConnell Pty Ltd atf The McConnell Superannuation Fund v SurfStitch Group Ltd (admin apptd) (No 2)* [2018] NSWSC 1149 for the common law freedom against self-incrimination in the context of ASIC examinations.
- Launched the [UNSW Law Journal Forum](#), an online generalist publication focused on publishing shorter scholarly pieces. Solicited contributions, coordinated peer review and editing, and published a [brief editorial](#) outlining the Forum's purpose. Articles solicited and edited include [Terry Carney AO, 'The New Digital Future for Welfare: Debts without Legal Proofs or Moral Authority?' \[2018\] University of New South Wales Law Journal Forum 1](#), which [garnered mainstream media attention](#) by declaring the 'Robodebt' scheme unlawful, presaging the Royal Commission.