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Areas of Practice

- Administrative Law
- Appellate
- Banking, Securities & Insolvency
- Class Actions & Representative Proceedings
- Commercial Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Commissions & Inquiries
- Competition
- Constitutional Law
- Corporate
- Intellectual Property
- Planning & Environment
- **Professional Conduct**
- Public Law
- Regulatory
- **Trade Practices**

Education Columbia University – Masters of Law | 2016

James Kent Scholar (for outstanding academic achievement), W Bayard Cutting Jnr Fellowship for International Law, Sophia Wood Travelling Scholarship University of Sydney

University of Sydney – Bachelor of Law (Honours Class 1) | 2012

Commonwealth Scholarship for academic merit, Walter Reid Memorial Prize 2012 for academic achievement

Economics and Social Sciences (University Medal) | 2010

Economics and Business Faculty Scholarship with Merit, Walter Reid Memorial Prize 2011 for academic achievement

Experience Barrister, 5 Wentworth | 2024 – Present

Barrister, Tenth Floor Chambers | 2020 – 2024

Senior lawyer, Australian Government Solicitor | 2016 – 2020

Sessional lecturer constitutional law and public law, University of Sydney

2016 - 2018

Lawyer, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse	:
2014 – 2015	

Associate to the Hon Justice Jayne Jagot, Federal Court of Australia | 2013 -2014

Appointments Barrister

2020

Solicitor 2013

Notable Cases General commercial and class actions

- Ningbo Weisheng Dingxuan Equity Investment Fund v Yu Zhong [2025] FCA 1053 (unled for the second respondent, instructed by Tahota Law Firm) – enforcement of foreign arbitral award in Australia.
- Korea Midland Power Co Ltd v ACIRL Quality Testing Services Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 987 (led by Catherine Gleeson SC for the plaintiff, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth)
- Brett Cattle Pty Ltd v Minister for Agriculture [2025] FCA 597 (led by Fiona McLeod SC & Zoe Maud SC for the Minister, instructed by AGS)
- Levy v Wang (judgment restricted) District Court of NSW contract, sale of property.
- Lendi Group Broking Pty Ltd v Walker & Boutros (settled, led by Stuart Lawrance SC for the defendants, instructed by Johnson Winter Slattery) – Supreme Court – alleged breach of non-compete clause.
- Macquarie Leasing Pty Ltd (led by Matthew Darke SC) advice construction of contract of insurance.
- Haswell v Commonwealth of Australia (No 3) [2023] FCA 1093 (led by Edward Muston SC and Sophie Callan SC for the Cth, instructed by King & Wood Mallesons) class action alleging breaches of duty re PFAS chemicals.
- Hodge v TAL Life Limited [2023] NSWSC 1102 (unled for 2nd and 3rd defendants, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth) application to set aside subpoena.

Intellectual Property

- University of Adelaide & Ors v Copyright Agency Limited (settled, led by Richard Cobden SC for university applicants, instructed by Baker & McKenzie)
 Federal Court review of copyright tribunal decision.
- Copyright Agency Ltd v Isentia Pty Ltd (2022) 294 FCR 636 (led by John Hennessy SC and Frances St John, instructed by Baker McKenzie, preparation of submissions only)
- National Australia Bank Limited Opposition against AU TM Application
 No. 2199764 for UWALLET in the name of New U Life Corporation
 (opposition) (led by David Larish for opponent, instructed by King & Wood Mallesons)

Civil Penalty

- ACCC v Emma Sleep Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 618 (led by Nicholas De Young KC for Emma Sleep, instructed by Allens) – Federal Court – misleading and deceptive conduct.
- ACCC v Qteq Pty Limited [2025] FCA 371 (led by Nicholas De Young KC for the ACCC, instructed by AGS) – Federal Court – contraventions of cartel provisions.
- Commissioner for Fair Trading v Bowes Street Developments Pty Ltd [2025]
 ACTSC 165 (led by Naomi Sharp SC for the Commissioner, instructed by ACT Government Solicitor) contraventions of the Australian Consumer Law.
- Australian Energy Regulator v Origin Energy Electricity Limited [2024] FCA 1529 (led by Frances Gordon KC for Origin, instructed by Allens) – contraventions of National Energy Retail Law.
- Chief Executive of AUSTRAC v Crown Melbourne Ltd [2023] FCA 782 (led by Michael Hodge KC and Catherine Gleeson SC for AUSTRAC, instructed by AGS) contraventions of anti-money laundering and terrorism financing regime.
- ASIC v Membo Finance Pty Ltd [2023] FCA 126 (led by Andrew Harding SC for ASIC, instructed by ASIC) contraventions of the National Credit Code.
- ACCC v Viagogo AG [2022] FCAFC 87 (led by Kate Morgan SC for Viagogo, instructed by Minter Ellison) contraventions of the Australian Consumer Law.

Administrative/judicial review

 Stanley v Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW) [2023] HCA 3 (led by Catherine Gleeson SC for the NSW DPP, instructed by the NSW DPP) – nature of jurisdictional error.

- Tikomaimaleya v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2023] FCAFC 199 (led by Rachel Francois for the Minister, instructed by Sparke Helmore) – judicial review.
- LegPro33 Pty Ltd ATF LegPro 33 Unit Trust v Chief Commissioner of State
 Revenue (settled, unled, for the applicant, instructed by Baker & McKenzie) –
 NCAT challenge to land tax assessments.
- Brownlie v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs [2023] FCA 436 (led by Patrick Knowles SC for the Minister, instructed by AGS) – judicial review.
- LLYW and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, and Multicultural Affairs
 [2022] AATA 3174 (unled for the Minister, instructed by AGS) migration merits review.
- Commissioner of NSW Police v Deputy State Coroner [2021] NSWSC 398 (led by Geoffrey Kennett SC for the Commissioner, instructed by HWL Ebsworth)
 review of non-disclosure orders made by Coroner over Police materials.

Other matters

- Merciful Group Incorporated v Norfina Limited t/as Suncorp Bank [2025]
 NSWSC 841 (led by James Arnott SC for the Defendant, instructed by Allens)
- Council of the Law Society of New South Wales v Ghobrial [2024] NSWCA 307 (led by Kate Morgan SC for the Council, instructed by the Law Society) – professional discipline.
- de Robillard v Council of New South Wales Bar Association; Council of New South Wales Bar Association v de Robillard (No. 2) [2024] NSWCA 299 (led by Kate Morgan SC for the Council, instructed by Hicksons Lawyers) – professional discipline.
- "Officer A", a pseudonym v State Coroner of NSW [2024] NSWSC 1531 (led by Matthew Lewis SC for "Officer A", instructed by Addisons) – application to the Coroner's Court to discharge pseudonym order.
- Inquest into the Death of Jai Wright (concluded, unled for NSW Police, instructed by Makinson d'Apice) State Coroner's Court application for protective orders over Police materials.
- Pacific Bay Resort Pty Limited v Transport for NSW [2024] NSWLEC 9 (led by James Emmett SC for Transport, instructed by Clayton Utz) – class 3 compulsory acquisition of land proceedings.

- State of NSW v Elmir [2023] NSWSC 1101 (led by Jennifer Single SC for the State, instructed by NSW Crown Solicitor) terrorism high risk offender extended supervision orders.
- HYYL v Privacy Commissioner [2023] AATA 2961 (led by Emma Bathurst for the Privacy Commissioner, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth) compensation for privacy breaches to class.
- Council of the Law Society of New South Wales v Green [2022] NSWCA 257
 (led by Kate Morgan SC for the Council, instructed by the Law Society) professional discipline.
- Medical Council of NSW v Smithson [2021] NSWCA 53 (led by Philip Strickland SC for the respondent, instructed by Unsworth Legal) – professional discipline.