

Summary	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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) Placed on the 2017 Dean’s List for first place in corporations law.Bachelor of Economics (Distinction)
Professional recognition	Finalist, 2025 Lawyers Weekly 30 Under 30 Awards
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 appeals by undertaking legal research, assisting with preparation of judgments, and liaising with parties. Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills 2018 – 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none">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.

Selected cases (as a barrister)

Commercial law

- *Inplace Online Pty Ltd v ACR Supply Partners Pty Ltd* (2023/00361734 – settled)
Acted for the plaintiff in Supreme Court proceedings for breach of contract and unconscionable conduct (led by David Harris).
- *Print Management Facilities Australia Pty Ltd v Fintacs Advisory Pty Ltd* (2025/00015729 – ongoing)
Acting for the first and second defendants in District Court proceedings for breach of contract (unled).
- *Bashford v Peken Global Limited t/a KuCoin* (2025/00178580 – settled)
Obtained an ex parte freezing order for the plaintiff in the Supreme Court over cryptocurrency held in an overseas exchange (unled).
- *Zhang v Webtrade International Pty Ltd* (2023/00357885 – settled)
Acted for defendants in District Court proceedings for breach of contract involving questions of ostensible authority (led by Edward Thompson).
- *Jaycar Property Group v Li* (2025/00011741)
Acted for the plaintiff in District Court proceedings for recovery of contractual debt and obtained default judgment (unled).
- *Switch Tech Pty Ltd v Thornton Estate Agents Pty Ltd* (2024/00139808 – settled at hearing)
Acted for the plaintiff in Local Court proceedings for recovery of contractual debt (unled).

Real property and equity

- *Hills Alliance Church Inc v The Christian and Missionary Alliance of Australasia Property Trust* (2025/00194361 – ongoing)
Acting for defendant and cross-claimant in Supreme Court proceedings regarding ownership of land and removal of caveat pursuant to s 74MA of the *Real Property Act 1900* (NSW) (led by Gregory Burton SC).
- *Bonnici v Singh* (2025/00149057 – settled)
Acted for the defendant to resist the extension of a caveat under s 74K of the *Real Property Act 1900* (NSW) (unled).
- Advised a party in relation to proposed proceedings for an order under s 66G of the *Conveyancing Act 1919* (NSW) appointing trustees for sale of jointly held real property.

Industrial law

- *McGill v BIOV8 Pty Ltd* (NSD162/2025 – settled)
Acted for the applicant in Federal Court proceedings for an interim injunction against termination of employment pursuant to s 545 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) (unled).
- *Bailey v Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand* (NSD1308/2024 – ongoing)
Acting for the defendant in Federal Court proceedings concerning alleged contraventions of the victimisation provisions contained in s 47A of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* (Cth) (led by Catherine Bembrick).

- Advised various parties in relation to the application of awards, contraventions of industrial instruments, restraints of trade, and availability of contractual damages for wrongful dismissal.

Administrative law

- *DZD20 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2025] FedCFamC2G 449
Acted pro bono for the successful applicant in proceedings before the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 2) seeking a writ of certiorari to quash a decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal refusing to grant the applicant a protection visa (unled).

Tort

- *Worldwide Finance Group v Aqua Law Pty Ltd (in liq)* (2024/00211116 – ongoing)
Acting for the plaintiffs in Supreme Court proceedings concerning alleged professional negligence committed by defendant (led by Gregory Sirtes SC).
- *Dooner v St Philip’s Christian Education Foundation Ltd* (2025/00177536 – ongoing)
Acting for the plaintiff in District Court proceedings concerning alleged negligence causing property damage.

Succession

- *Pearson v Foster* (2024/00447172 – ongoing)
Acting for the defendant executors in Supreme Court proceedings involving a claim for family provision (led by Gregory Burton SC).
- Advised various parties in relation to executors’ ability to obtain possession of real property forming part of estates and executors’ power of appropriation (unled).

Practice and Procedure

- *Grow Your Agility v Agile 360 Pty Ltd* (2025/00280298 – ongoing)
Acting for the plaintiff in Supreme Court proceedings for preliminary discovery.
- *Michael Wilson & Partners Ltd v Cronan* (NSD1146/2023 – judgment reserved)
Acted for the respondent to an interlocutory application seeking vexatious proceedings orders pursuant to s 37AO of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth) (led by Gregory Burton SC).

Bankruptcy

- *Tonkin v Garlick* (SYG1314/2024)
Acted for the applicant to obtain a sequestration order (unled).
- *Liu v Wang* (NSD347/2025)
Acted for the applicant to obtain a sequestration order (unled).

<p>Selected cases (as a solicitor)</p>	<p><u>Richmond Valley Council v JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd [2022] NSWSC 1761</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 <u>declass the proceedings</u>. ▪ 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 <u>discontinued by the plaintiffs</u> in 2024 following delivery of judgment in the New South Wales proceeding. <p><u>Australian Energy Regulator v AGL HP1 Pty Ltd [2022] FCA 737</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. <p><u>EG FuelCo (Australia) Ltd v Ampol Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd [2021] NSWSC 989</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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. <p><u>Clime Capital Limited v UGL Pty Ltd [2020] FCA 66</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A class action brought by shareholders alleging breach of continuous disclosure obligations relating to cost overruns on a power plant construction project.
<p>Notable Advisory Work (as a solicitor)</p>	<p>Key topics advised upon included potential avenues of challenge to the validity and exercise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 <u>Cigno Pty Ltd v ASIC [2020] FCA 479</u>; ▪ the power to approve the conduct of a pharmacy business by the Pharmacy Council of New South Wales under Schedule 5F to the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law 2009</i> (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.