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QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Laws UWA (Dist)	1998
Bachelor of Laws UWA	1990
Bachelor of Jurisprudence UWA	1989
Bachelor of Commerce UWA	1989

SPECIALIST AREAS

Administrative law
Planning and Environment
Compulsory acquisition of land
Land valuation and compensation
Property law
Criminal law
Family law property disputes

SUMMARY

With over 35 years experience in the Law, I was a Partner at Phillips Fox Perth (1997) prior to becoming a founding Partner of Lavan in 2006 and was called to the Bar in July 2025.

I practice in the field of administrative and public law (with a focus on planning, environment and land compensation).

My experience as Counsel includes WA Supreme Court and Federal Court matters as well as Planning and Environment Tribunals. I also have appellate experience as Counsel in the High Court.

My experience also includes being briefed by State Government to advise on law reform concerning planning and environmental legislation and I am an honorary fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia.

I represent clients on a range of matters, including:

- The valuation and determination of claims related to compulsory acquisition of land and land compensation
- Land Use and Zoning Law
- Planning and Environmental Law
- Appeals against refusal to grant development and subdivision approvals
- Judicial review of ministerial and state/local government decisions
- Mediations in Planning Tribunals, Family Court and Supreme Court proceedings
- Arbitration proceedings
- Valuation of land
- Allegations of breach of statutory duty/malfeasance
- Common law claims for nuisance and negligence against public authorities
- Defending allegations of criminal conduct for breaches of planning and environmental legislation
- White collar crime
- Family law property disputes

EXPERIENCE

ADMISSION

Supreme Court of Western Australia	1990
High Court of Australia	1992
Joined Independent Bar	2025

SELECTED CASES

High Court of Australia

1. *Kalbasi v Western Australia* [2018] HCA 7
2. *Western Australian Planning Commission v Southregal Pty Ltd; Same v Leith* [2017] HCA 7

Federal Court of Australia

3. *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd* [\[2025\] FCAFC 43](#)
4. *Mayfield Development Corporation Pty Ltd v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd (No 4)* [\[2024\] FCA 538](#)
5. *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd* [2023] FCAFC 16
6. *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v NSW Ports Operations Hold Co Pty Ltd* [\[2021\] FCA 720](#)
7. *Estates 77 Pty Ltd v Minister for Environment* [2019] FCA 1427

Supreme Court of Western Australia – Court of Appeal

8. *Nairn v Metro-Central Joint Development Assessment Panel* [2018] WASCA 18
9. *Western Australian Planning Commission v Southregal Pty Ltd; Western Australian Planning Commission v Leith* [2016] WASCA 53

Supreme Court of Western Australia

10. *Too Big For Trigg Pty Ltd v Metro Inner-North Joint Development Assessment Panel & Anor* [2022] WASC
11. *2 Thomas Road Pty Ltd v Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale* [2021] WASC 339
12. *Thomason v Regional Joint Development Assessment Panel* [2021] WASC 380
13. *Pennock v City of Busselton* [2021] WASC 29
14. *Thomason v Regional Joint Development Assessment Panel* [2021] WASC 380
15. *Harvis Capital Pty Ltd v Mid-West/Wheatbelt Joint Development Assessment Panel* [2020] WASC 205
16. *Ivankovic v West Australian Planning Commission* [2020] WASC 401
17. *AMG (WA) Pty Ltd v Minister for Environment the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC* [2020] WASC 197

State Administrative Tribunal of Western Australia

18. *Carrooda Pty Ltd v City of Gosnells* [2022] WASAT 15

19. *Ursula Frayne Catholic College v Town of Victoria Park* [2020] WASAT 17
20. *Bunnings Group Ltd v Residing Member of the Metro North West Joint Development Assessment Panel* [2019] WASAT 121
21. *Arise Rockingham Pty Ltd v Presiding Member of Metro South West Joint Development Assessment Panel* [2019] WASAT 64
22. *ARP No 10 Pty Ltd v Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority* [2019] WASAT 85
23. *Bethanie Group Inc v Presiding Member of the Metro North-West Joint Development Assessment Panel* [2018] WASAT 127
24. *Gnech Building Co and Town of Claremont* [2018] WASAT 77
25. *Fero Group Pty Ltd v City of Nedlands* [2018] WASAT 78

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Chambers Asia Pacific (Environment)

2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Best Lawyers in Australia™ (Planning and Environment)

2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Best Lawyers in Australia™ (Land Use and Zoning Law)

2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026

Doyle's Guide Preeminent Lawyer WA (Planning and Environment Law)

2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

Doyle's Guide Leading Barrister WA (Planning and Environment)

2026

PHILANTHROPY

Perth Symphony Orchestra Director and Board Member

November 2023 - current

NCSLSC (BM)

2000 - current

Legal Aid WA Panel

2015 - 2020

UDIA WA State Council

2000 – 2005

UDIA WA Enviro Development Chair

2010 – 2020

Planning Institute of Australia WA Honorary Solicitor

1995 – 2025

Planning Institute of Australia Honorary Fellow

2015

The Kids Research Institute Australia (formerly Telethon) - Perth Festival Foundation

Current