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PROFESSIONAL

Barrister, Martin Place Chambers, 2024

Senior Associate (Environment and Planning), Johnson Winter Slattery (July 2021 to May 2024)

Associate (Dispute Resolution; Environment and Planning), Johnson Winter Slattery (February 2018 – July 2021)

Supreme Court of New South Wales (Common Law Division),
Tipstaff to the Hon Justice Campbell (2017)

Admitted as lawyer of Supreme Court of New South Wales in 2017

RECOGNITION

Doyle's Guide (2020), 'Rising Star' in litigation and dispute resolution

Australasian Lawyer (2022), finalist for Young Private Practice Lawyer of the Year at the Australasian Law Awards

Lawyers Weekly (2022), finalist in the 30 Under 30 Awards, planning and environment category

Best Lawyers (2022, 2023), listed in 'Ones to Watch, planning and environmental law

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Latin, University of Sydney (2013)

Scholarships and prizes: Entry Scholarship, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (2011); F.K. Barton Scholarship, Classical Languages Teachers' Association (2011); The Salting Exhibition, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (2011); Nicholson Scholarship No: 1A for Latin (2011); Nicholson Scholarship No: IV for Latin III (2013); Cooper Scholarship No: IV in Classics (2013)

Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney (2016)

Semester-long exchange at Leiden University, Netherlands (2016)

Graduated from Sydney Grammar School in 2010 with ATAR of 99.85. Senior Prefect (School Captain)

Awards: Premier's Award for All-round Excellence (2010); Old Sydneians' Union Scholarship for All-round achievement (2010); Australian Student Prize for academic excellence in secondary education (2010); Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, awarded by the Classical Languages Teachers' Association for top ten state ranking in Latin Extension (2010)

OVERVIEW OF EXPERIENCE AS SOLICITOR

At JWS I worked initially in commercial litigation, before specialising in environmental and planning law. Since 2019 I have been working primarily with Samantha Daly, Practice Group Head and environment and planning Partner in the Sydney office.

Litigation

- Extensive experience representing clients in a range of State and federal courts
- Experienced in civil litigation (general commercial litigation and environmental and planning matters) and the defence of criminal prosecutions (environmental crime and white collar crime), as well as the conduct of internal/external investigations and inquiries
- Appearances at mentions, directions hearings and interlocutory applications

Significant matters include:

1. *EPA v Grafil Pty Ltd; Mackenzie* – Acted for both defendants in Class 5 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court concerning use of land as a waste facility without lawful authority, and before the Court of Criminal Appeal (on a stated case and later on the EPA's sentence appeal) and High Court of Australia (special leave application)

Instructed Tom Howard SC and Clifford Ireland

2. *R v Douglas; Read; Linke; Casamento; Counihan and Jacobs Group (Australia Pty Ltd)* – Acted for Mr Casamento in a CDPP prosecution alleging conspiracy to bribe public foreign officials in connection with engineering consultancy contracts in Vietnam and the Philippines. Both at committal in the Local Court and post-committal in the Supreme Court

Instructed Hament Dhanji SC (as his Honour then was) and Georgia Huxley

3. *Mangoola Coal Operations Pty Ltd v Muswellbrook Shire Council* – Acted for Mangoola Coal, a Glencore subsidiary, in Class 4 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court and related Supreme Court proceedings concerning the recovery of overpaid rates. Acted for Mangoola Coal in an appeal against the first instance decision of Basten JA

Instructed Clifford Ireland and Adrian Galasso SC at first instance, and Jackson Wherrett and Michael Izzo SC on appeal

4. *Tahmoor Coal Pty Ltd* – Acted for Tahmoor Coal, a SIMEC Group / GFG Alliance company, in multiple sets of Class 3 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court concerning compensation to landowners affected by underground mining operations. One of the proceedings resulted in an appeal against an interlocutory decision to refuse joinder

Instructed Nick Eastman and Richard Lancaster SC in the appeal proceedings

5. *Muswellbrook Shire Council v Valuer-General of New South Wales; Mangoola Coal Operations Pty Limited* – Acted for Mangoola Coal in Class 3 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court concerning the valuation of Mangoola Mine for the purpose of the *Valuation of Land Act 1916*

Instructed Jane Taylor

6. *TPG Telecom Limited v Inner West Council* – Acted for TPG in Class 1 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court in respect of Council's refusal of a development application for a telecommunications facility adjacent to Callan Park in Rozelle

Instructed Anne Hemmings

7. *Fitzpatrick Investments Pty Ltd v Penrith City Council* – Acted for Fitzpatrick Investments in Class 1 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court in respect of the deemed refusal of a development application for an industrial warehouse complex in Erskine Park

8. *Inquest into the death of Bradley Hope* – Acted for Unilever in a coronial inquest into the death of a teenager from ‘chroming’ of Rexona branded deodorant
 Instructed Georgia Huxley

9. *EPA v GrainCorp Operations Limited* – Acted for GrainCorp in Class 5 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court for breach of an environment protection licence regulating operations in Port Kembla
 Instructed Tom Howard SC

10. *Rallen Australia Pty Ltd v Santos QNT Pty Ltd* – Acted for Santos in proceedings in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory concerning alleged misleading and deceptive conduct in respect of a land access and compensation agreement
 Instructed Patrick Nevard, Hamish Baddeley and Jonathan Horton KC

11. *Investment Opportunities II Pte. Limited v WICET Holdings Pty Limited & Anor* – Acted for WICET Holdings (the operator of the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal in Gladstone) in a shareholder dispute in the Supreme Court
 Instructed Stuart Lawrance, Robert Yezerki, Ruth Higgins SC and Neil Young KC

12. *T-S Capital Partners LLC v Paltar Petroleum Limited* – Acted for T-S Capital Partners in winding-up proceedings in the Federal Court
 Instructed Justin Simpkins and Farid Assaf SC

13. *Obela Fresh Dips and Spreads Pty Limited v Coetzee* – Acted for Obela in asset recovery proceedings in the Supreme Courts of New South Wales and Victoria concerning the misappropriation of funds by a former CFO. Involved instructing foreign counsel in Spain and South Africa to trace overseas assets and seek sequestration orders

14. *Lynette Donnelly v Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council* – Acted pro bono for Ms Donnelly in separate proceedings in the Federal Circuit Court (bankruptcy) and the Supreme Court (equitable compensation) concerning improvements made to leasehold land
 Instructed Paul Batley (pro bono)

15. *In the matter of Arrium Limited* – Acted for Sarah Pearce, the former Assistant Treasurer of Arrium prior to its collapse in liquidator examinations in the Supreme Court
 Instructed Greg O’Mahoney

16. *CDPP v Pover; McGhie; Rentokil Pty Ltd* – Acted for Rentokil in a CDPP prosecution alleging breaches of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* in connection with the fumigation of imported goods
 Instructed Sarah Keating and Tom Howard SC

Non-contentious matters

- Written and oral advice to Australian and multinational companies operating in a number of sectors and industries, in particular energy and resources, major projects, waste/resource recovery and education
- Advice on all aspects of the development life cycle, from environmental assessment and approvals/licensing to compliance and enforcement

- Regular advice to companies on their engagement with regulators and government agencies/departments, including in response to statutory notices and environmental incidents
- Transactional support and environmental due diligence to corporate team

Core components of advisory practice:

Energy and resources sector

- Advising major mining companies including Glencore in respect of compliance with and potential modifications of major project approvals
- Advising Santos in relation to environmental approvals for offshore gas projects in State and Commonwealth waters, including environment plans in respect of petroleum/greenhouse gas activities, underwater cultural heritage approvals and approvals under the EPBC Act
- Particular experience advising clients on referrals, assessments and approvals under the EPBC Act

Educational sector

- Advising school clients in relation to planning approval pathways for their developments, including a large number of independent schools including Ravenswood, Queenwood, Knox, Barker, Shore, PLC, Riverview, Newington and Sydney Grammar School
- Extensive experience advising on DA and non-DA pathways under *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* (formerly the Education SEPP)

Policy and law reform

- Advising the NSW Minerals Council in relation to challenges/issues faced by industry and proposed legislative reforms
- Advising a range of other peak bodies and industry associations in respect of policy and law reform including the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association, the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association of Australia and the Association of Independent Schools
- Current committee member of the Australian Environment & Planning Law Group (AEPLG), within the Legal Practice Section of the Law Council of Australia

Transactional support

- Providing specialist input into purchaser and vendor due diligence and the drafting of transaction documents for the corporate team
- Significant roles in a number of transactions including multi-billion dollar bids for BHP coal assets in New South Wales (Mount Arthur mine; Dendrobium and Appin mines) and Queensland (Blackwater and Daunia mines)