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Admissions & Qualifications

2014	Admitted to practice as a Barrister by the New South Wales Bar Association
2008	Master of Environmental Law, University of Sydney
2006	Admitted to practice as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
1998	Admitted to practice as a Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand
1998	Bachelor Arts/Bachelor Laws, University of Otago, New Zealand

Barrister's Practice

Local Government, Planning & Environmental Law

- appears in all jurisdictions of the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales, particularly judicial review and s56A appeals, civil and criminal enforcement and development appeals
- acts for State and local government, developers, individuals and community groups with respect to a broad range of environment and planning law matters, including permissibility of development, biodiversity, contamination and pollution, water, mining, climate change, renewable energy and heritage

Appellate

- Land and Environment Court, Court of Appeal, Court of Criminal Appeal

Administrative Law

- judicial review applications in Federal Court and Land and Environment Court

Criminal Law

- trials and sentencing in Land and Environment Court and Local Court
- appeals concerning environment and planning law offences to Land and Environment Court, and to the Court of Criminal Appeal

Real Property Law

- property and easement disputes in the Supreme Court

Recognition

Doyles Guide - Recommended Planning and Environment junior barrister every year since 2018

Environmental Counsel to the Board of NSW Environment Protection Authority 2019 to 2025

Memberships

First Nations Committee, NSW Bar Association (2024 to present)

Environment Planning Law Association (NSW) (2014 to present)

Papers & Presentations

Ecologically Sustainable Development and protection of the environment from climate change Presentation to Specialist Accreditation Conference, NSW Law Society, August 2023

Climate Change Litigation in Australia – A Driver for Change? Presentation to the RMLA Conference, Rotorua, New Zealand (September 2022)

NSW Animal Law Conference 2022, Participant on panel discussing Animals and Environmental Law

PLuS Alliance Climate Change Workshop participant (a collaboration between Kings College London, Arizona State University and UNSW) (November 2020)

Climate Litigation: Recent Cases and Looking Forward Presentation to Legalwise Seminar with Robert White, Barrister, 12 Wentworth Selbourne Chambers, Environment and Planning Law (March 2020)

Young Lawyers Environment and Planning Law Committee Seminar, Chair of environmental prosecutions session (March 2020)

Civil Enforcement of Planning and Environment Laws Presentation to Legalwise Seminar, Environment and Planning Law (March 2019)

The NSW 2017 Bio Reforms: More than Just Weeds, Feral Animals and Diseases Keynote Presentation to the Television Education Network 59th Annual Armidale CLE Weekend (February 2018)

Environmental Offences - Appeals from the Local Court to the Land and Environment Court (2017) LGovR

Relevance of Approval Authorities in the Development Process: Integrated Development Presentation to Property and Planning Law Conference (March 2015)

Employment History

2014 to present	Barrister practising at Martin Place Chambers, Sydney
2014 – present	Sessional Law Lecturer, University of NSW Teach environment, planning and climate law at postgraduate level
May 2013 – April 2014	Senior Legal Officer, Office of Environment & Heritage (NSW)
2009 – May 2013	Senior Solicitor, EDO NSW
2007 – 2008	Solicitor, Maddocks Lawyers including secondment to City of Sydney Council
2003	Lawyer London Borough of Harrow (Council), London
1998 - 2001	Legal Editor Thomson Reuters, New Zealand