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**Admission as lawyer** 2017

**Call to the Bar** 2024

I am a barrister at Martin Place Chambers, specialising in planning and environmental law and adjacent areas of practice.

I previously worked as a solicitor in private practice at Johnson Winter Slattery for 6 years, both as an Associate (Feb 18 – Jul 21) and Senior Associate (Jul 21 to May 24). In 2017, I was the tipstaff to the Hon Justice Campbell in the Common Law Division of the NSW Supreme Court.

I attended Sydney Grammar School, where I was Senior Prefect (School Captain) in 2010 and attained an ATAR of 99.85. I graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Latin, and a Bachelor of Laws.

As a student I worked in various legal roles including in the Family Court of Australia and the (former) Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

## PROFESSIONAL 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 law category.
- Best Lawyers (each year since 2022), listed in Ones to Watch, planning and environmental law.

## ACADEMIC RECORD

- Recipient of Peteris Ginters prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place in Ethics in the NSW Bar Exam (February 2024).
- University of Sydney: 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).
- Sydney Grammar School: 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).

## RECENT AND ONGOING MATTERS

### Land and Environment Court

#### Class 1 development appeals and miscellaneous appeals

*Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd v Independent Planning Commission* [2025] NSWLEC 1525 – for Maitland City Council (led by T To) in an appeal against the IPC's refusal of an SSDA for the continuation/expansion of Martins Creek Quarry.

*Hayek v Randwick City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 1631 – for the Applicant (led by N Hammond) in relation to proposed development of four-storey residential flat building in Coogee.

*Volfneuk v Blacktown City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 1793 – for the Applicant (unled) in relation to development of two 6-storey residential flat buildings in Mount Druitt.

*Clayton Larcombe v Woollahra Municipal Council* [2025] NSWLEC 1162 – for the Applicant (led by A Pickles SC) seeking approval to demolish existing buildings and construct three-storey dwelling, swimming pool, tennis court and related landscaping in Bellevue Hill.

*Hou v Hornsby Shire Council* [2025] NSWLEC 1106 – for the Applicant (unled) to related DCO and BIC appeal proceedings in relation unlawful residential extension works in Westleigh.

*McMahon-Ford v The Council of the City of Sydney* [2024] NSWLEC 1748 – for the Applicant (led by N Eastman SC) in relation to residential development in Rosebery.

*ZT Architects Pty Ltd v Campbelltown City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 1768 – for Council (unled) in a residential development appeal for Torrens title subdivision and attached dual occupancy.

*Ji Family Holdings Pty Ltd atf Ji Family Trust v Randwick City Council* [2025] NSWLEC 1065 – for the Applicant (unled) in relation to subdivision by boundary adjustment of residential land in Kingsford.

*Abata Pty Limited v Kiama Municipal Council* – for Council (unled) in an appeal against a development control order issued in respect of dog kennels/dog boarding facility. Judgment reserved.

Granny Flat Pioneers Pty Ltd v Liverpool City Council – for the Applicant (unled) in relation to proposed development of centre-based childcare facility in Casula. Judgment reserved.

Realta Enterprises Pty Ltd v Wollongong City Council – for the Applicant (led by M Staunton) in relation to proposed development of childcare centre in Russell Vale. Judgment reserved.

Decorte v Mid-Coast Council – for the Applicant (led by J Lazarus SC) to related DCO and DA appeals in relation to rural dam works. Proceedings ongoing.

Wey Group Pty Ltd v Ku-ring-gai Council – for the Applicant (unled) in relation to residential development in East Lindfield. Proceedings ongoing.

Yealand and Heikal v Georges River Council – for Council (unled) in relation to residential development in Peakhurst Heights. Proceedings ongoing.

### Class 2 tree disputes

*Beswick v Sandig* [2024] NSWLEC 1703 – for the Respondent (unled) to an application under Part 2A in respect of alleged view obstruction. (I appeared on behalf of the Respondent although my instructing solicitor is referred to as counsel on the judgment)

*Kent v Aquilina* [2025] NSWLEC 1160 – for the Respondent (unled) to an application under Part 2 in respect of alleged property damage/risk of personal injury.

*McGregor v Hatcher* [2025] NSWLEC 1381 – for the Respondent (unled) to applications under Part 2 and Part 2A in relation to Gracilis Bamboo hedges and a Weeping Fig.

*Xiao v Ying* [2025] NSWLEC 1417 – for the Applicant (unled) to an application under Part 2 in respect of alleged property damage/risk of personal injury.

Stroud and Akbar v CMZZJ Investments Pty Ltd – for the Respondent (unled) to an application under Part 2 in respect of alleged property damage/risk of personal injury. Settled prior to hearing.

### Class 3 valuation and compensation matters

*Malouf and LTIRM Pty Ltd v Valuer-General of NSW* [2024] NSWLEC 1691 and *LTIRM Pty Ltd v Valuer-General of NSW* [2024] NSWLEC 1692 – for the Applicants (unled) in valuation objection proceedings in respect of residential land in Iluka Road, Palm Beach.

Sultana v Blacktown City Council – for the Applicants (led by N Eastman SC) in respect of the compulsory acquisition of land in Rouse Hill. Proceedings resolved at section 34 conference.

Chen Shan Legal Group Pty Ltd; Chen Family Superannuation Fund Custodian Pty Ltd v Sydney Metro – for the Applicants (led by A Pickles SC) in respect of the compulsory acquisition of freehold/leasehold interests at 37 Bligh Street for the Sydney Metro West Project. Settled prior to hearing.

#### Class 4 civil enforcement and judicial review matters

Tweed Shire Council v MFJ Family Investments Pty Ltd and Jones – for the Respondents (unled) to proceedings relating to unlawful development of rural premises. Resolved at mediation.

Gaiety v Loaders & Ors – for a Respondent (unled) principal certifying authority to proceedings relating to alleged defective residential building work. Proceedings discontinued by Applicant.

Hardy v Wheeler and Wingecarribee Shire Council – for individual Respondents (unled) to proceedings relating to overland flow/stormwater damage to residential property. Resolved at mediation.

McKillop v Blue Mountains City Council – for Council (unled) in proceedings relating to compliance with the conditions of a 1982 development consent. Proceedings discontinued by Applicant.

Vickery v Tweed Shire Council – for the Applicants (led by I Hemmings SC) in proceedings concerning the revocation of section 68 *Local Government Act 1993* approvals and the construction of a 1995 development consent. Proceedings settled on day 1 of the hearing.

Mid-Coast Council v Gazecki & Decorte – for Respondents (led by J Lazarus SC) in contempt matter relating to alleged breach of undertakings given in Class 4 civil enforcement proceedings.

Deva and Joshi v Lu & Ors – for Applicants (led by N Eastman SC) in judicial review and civil enforcement proceedings relating to CDC approved residential development in Bellevue Hill.

#### Class 5 summary enforcement proceedings

EPA v Freescale Trading Pty Ltd; EPA v Runkorp Pty Ltd – for the Defendants (led by T Howard SC, with L Sims) to proceedings brought by the EPA in respect of alleged contaminated mulch from the Greenlife Resource Recovery Facility. Proceedings ongoing.

#### Practice and procedure

*Gill v Liverpool City Council; Beningna Pty Ltd v Liverpool City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 133 – for Council (unled) on an interlocutory application for joinder of former registered proprietor to compulsory acquisition proceedings brought by former mortgagees.

*Australian Muslim Welfare Centre Inc v Campbelltown City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 102 – for Council (unled) on an interlocutory application to set aside a Notice to Produce.

*Stroud & Anor v CMZZJ Investments Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWLEC 16 – for the Respondent (led by M Seymour SC) on an interlocutory application relating to the operation of s 4(4) of the *Trees (Disputes Between Neighbours) Act 2006*.

*Treyvaud v Transport for New South Wales; Jervis Bay Stockfeeds Pty Ltd v Transport for New South Wales* [2025] NSWLEC 61 – for the Applicants (unled) on an interlocutory application to substitute expert valuer in Class 3 compulsory acquisition proceedings.

*Plenty Company Pty Ltd v Coffs Harbour City Council* [2025] NSWLEC 1511 – for the Applicant (unled) on an application for costs under r 3.7 of the *Land and Environment Court Rules 2007* in a Class 1 objector appeal. (I appeared on behalf of the Respondent although my instructing solicitor is referred to as counsel on the judgment)

#### Local, District and Supreme Court

*Waverley Council v The Core Group Pty Ltd* – for the Defendant (unled) on sentence in Waverley Local Court for planning offences under the EP&A Act.

*Moschella and Sitehope Pty Ltd v Dagger & Anor* – for the Plaintiffs (led by C Ireland) in Supreme Court proceedings (transferred from the District Court) in relation to the certification of development of bush fire prone land in Roseville. Proceedings ongoing.

*Charles v Malachi Associates Pty Ltd & Ors* – for a Respondent gym operator (unled) in Local Court proceedings for a noise abatement order sought under s 268 of the POEO Act. Proceedings ongoing.

*City of Parramatta Council v Singh* – for Council (unled) on sentence in Parramatta Local Court for an offence contrary to s 9.37(1) of the EP&A Act (breach of development control order relating to unlawful food and drink premises).

#### NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal

*Streater v Tamworth Regional Council* [2024] NSWCATAD 195 – for Council (unled) in GIPA Act review proceedings relating to (among other things) risk of harm, intimidation and harassment by disclosure of government information.

*Fox v Yass Valley Council* [2024] NSWCATAD 365 – for Council (unled) in GIPA Act review proceedings relating to disclosure of personal information.

*Totterman v Richmond Valley Council and Ayr Investments Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWCATAD 75 – for Council (unled) in GIPA Act review proceedings.

#### **Overview of experience as a solicitor at JWS**

I worked as a solicitor in private practice at Johnson Winter Slattery for 6 years, as an Associate (Feb 18 – Jul 21) and Senior Associate (Jul 21 to May 24). I represented corporate clients in environmental and planning matters, in particular mining and energy companies. I also gained significant experience in commercial litigation.

#### Land and Environment Court

- Class 1 development appeals
  - *TPG Telecom Limited v Inner West Council* [2023] NSWLEC 1778 – for the Applicant in relation to development of mobile phone base station within Manning Street electricity substation in Rozelle. Instructed A Hemmings.

- Fitzpatrick Investments Pty Ltd v Penrith City Council – as solicitor advocate for the Applicant in relation to development of industrial warehouse complex in Erskine Park.
- Class 3 valuation and compensation matters
  - *Visser v Department of Customer Service* [2021] NSWLEC 88 – as solicitor advocate on behalf of Tahmoor Coal Pty Ltd on interlocutory application for joinder to proceedings under the *Coal Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 2017*.
  - *Tahmoor Coal Pty Ltd v Visser* [2022] NSWCA 35 – for the Appellant in respect of appeal against refusal of application for joinder. Instructed R Lancaster SC and N Eastman.
  - *Mangoola Coal Operations Pty Ltd v Valuer-General of NSW* – for the Applicant in valuation objection proceedings concerning the valuation of Mangoola Mine. Instructed J Taylor.
- Class 5 summary prosecution proceedings
  - *EPA v Grafil Pty Ltd; EPA v Mackenzie (No 4)* [2021] NSWLEC 123 – for the Defendants on sentence for offences of using land as a waste facility without lawful authority. Instructed T Howard SC and C Ireland.
  - *EPA v GrainCorp Operations Limited* [2019] NSWLEC 143 – for the Defendant on sentence for breach of an EPL regulating operations in Port Kembla. Instructed T Howard SC.

#### Supreme Court (including the Court of Appeal and Court of Criminal Appeal)

- *Mangoola Coal Operations Pty Ltd v Muswellbrook Shire Council* [2023] NSWSC 262 – for the Plaintiff in common law restitution proceedings and related Class 4 Land and Environment Court proceedings seeking the recovery of overpaid rates. Instructed A Galasso SC and C Ireland.
- *Mangoola Coal Operations Pty Ltd v Muswellbrook Shire Council* [2023] NSWCA 275 – for the Appellant to proceedings seeking the recovery of overpaid rates. Instructed M Izzo SC and J Wherrett.
- *EPA v Grafil Pty Ltd; EPA v Mackenzie* [2019] NSWCCA 174 – for the Respondents in stated case proceedings under s 5AE of the *Criminal Appeal Act 1912* relating to the interpretation of “waste” under the POEO Act. Instructed C Ireland.
- *EPA v Grafil Pty Ltd; EPA v Mackenzie* [2022] NSWCCA 268 – for the Respondents to an EPA sentence appeal for offences of using land as a waste facility without lawful authority. Instructed T Howard SC and C Ireland.
- *R v Douglas; Read; Linke; Casamento; Counihan and Jacobs Group* – for an individual Defendant to a CDDP prosecution alleging conspiracy to bribe public foreign officials, both at committal in the Local Court and post-committal in the Supreme Court. Instructed H Dhanji SC and E Sullivan.
- *Investment Opportunities II Pte. Limited v WICET Holdings Pty Limited & Anor* – for WICET Holdings (the operator of the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal in Gladstone) in a shareholder dispute. Instructed R Higgins SC, S Lawrance and R Yezerski.

- *Obela Fresh Dips and Spreads Pty Limited v Coetzee* – for the Plaintiff in asset recovery proceedings in the Supreme Court of NSW and Supreme Court of 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.
- *Rallen Australia Pty Ltd v Santos QNT Pty Ltd* – for the Defendant in proceedings in the NT Supreme Court for alleged misleading and deceptive conduct in respect of a land access and compensation agreement. Instructed J Horton KC, H Baddeley and P Nevard.
- In the matter of *Arrium Limited* – for the former Assistant Treasurer in liquidator examinations relating to the collapse of the Arrium Group. Instructed G O’Mahoney.
- *Donnelly v Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council* [2020] NSWSC 1548 – for the Plaintiff (pro bono) defending an application for summary dismissal of proceedings seeking equitable compensation for improvements to leasehold land. Instructed P Batley.
- *Donnelly v Kempsey Local Aboriginal Land Council* [2021] NSWSC 1699 – for the Plaintiff (pro bono) seeking equitable compensation for improvements to leasehold land. Instructed P Batley.

#### Other

- Inquest into the death of Bradley Hope – for Unilever in a coronial inquest in Byron Bay into the death of a juvenile from “chroming” of Rexona deodorant. Instructed G Huxley.
- *T-S Capital Partners LLC v Paltar Petroleum Limited (administrators appointed)* [2019] FCA 635 and [2019] FCA 636 – for the Plaintiff in winding-up proceedings in the Federal Court. Instructed F Assaf SC and J Simpkins.
- *CDPP v Pover; McGhie; Rentokil Pty Ltd* – for Rentokil in a CDPP prosecution alleging breaches of the *Biosecurity Act 2015* in connection with the fumigation of imported goods. Instructed T Howard SC and S Keating.

CV current as at 29 August 2025.