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Admission as lawyer 2017

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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, 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 1st 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

Class 1	<i>Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd v Independent Planning Commission</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1525	For Maitland City Council (led by T To, instructed by Moray & Agnew) in an appeal against the IPC's refusal of an SSDA for the continuation/expansion of Martins Creek Quarry in Dungog.
	<i>Blantyre Farms Pty Ltd v Hilltops Council & Ors</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Second Respondent (led by T To SC, instructed by Beatty Hughes) in an appeal against Council's refusal of a DA for a pig farm in Harden.
	<i>Realta Enterprises Pty Ltd v Wollongong City Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1640	For the Applicant (led by M Staunton, instructed by RMB Lawyers) in relation to the development of a childcare centre in Russell Vale.
	<i>Granny Flat Pioneers Pty Ltd v Liverpool City Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1658	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by Abbas Jacobs Lawyers) in relation to the development of a childcare centre in Casula.
	<i>Hayek v Randwick City Council</i> [2024] NSWLEC 1631	For the Applicant (led by N Hammond, instructed by Maddocks) in relation to proposed four-storey RFB in Coogee.
	<i>Volfneuk v Blacktown City Council</i> [2024] NSWLEC 1793	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by Mills Oakley) in relation to development of two 6-storey RFBs in Mount Druitt.
	<i>MSV Ultima Pty Ltd v Ku-ring-gai Council</i> (judgment reserved)	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by Tyrrells Planning Law) in relation to proposed seniors' living development/independent living units in Wahroonga.

<i>JS Adventure Pty Ltd v Sutherland Shire Council</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Applicant (led by M Staunton, instructed by Bick & Steele) in relation to proposed depot in Kurnell.
<i>Rodwell v Waverley Council</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by Bick & Steele) to an appeal concerning the satisfaction of deferred commencement conditions for approved residential development in Tamarama.
<i>Vakili v Ku-ring-gai Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1832	For Council (unled, instructed by Shaw Reynolds) in relation to residential development in Roseville.
<i>McMahon-Ford v The Council of the City of Sydney</i> [2024] NSWLEC 1748	For the Applicant (led by N Eastman SC, instructed by McMahons Lawyers) in relation to residential development in Rosebery.
<i>Clayton Larcombe v Woollahra Municipal Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1162	For the Applicant (led by A Pickles SC, instructed by Project Lawyers) in relation to three-storey residential dwelling in Bellevue Hill.
<i>ZT Architects Pty Ltd v Campbelltown City Council</i> [2024] NSWLEC 1768 –	For Council (unled, instructed by Shaw Reynolds) in a residential development appeal for Torrens title subdivision and attached dual occupancy.
<i>Ji Family Holdings Pty Ltd atf Ji Family Trust v Randwick City Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1065	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by Pikes & Verekers) in relation to subdivision by boundary adjustment of residential land in Kingsford.
<i>Wey Group Pty Ltd v Ku-ring-gai Council</i> (judgment reserved)	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by McKees Legal Solutions) in relation to residential development in East Lindfield.
<i>Yealland v Georges River Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1660	For Council (unled, instructed by Council) in relation to residential development in Peakhurst Heights.
<i>Hou v Hornsby Shire Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1106	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by Alton Legal) to related DCO and BIC appeal proceedings in relation to unlawful residential extension works in Westleigh.
<i>Abata Pty Limited v Kiama Municipal Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1774	For Council (unled, instructed by RMB Lawyers) in an appeal against a development control order issued in respect of dog kennels/dog boarding facility.
<i>Decorte v Mid-Coast Council</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Applicant (led by J Lazarus SC, instructed by Clear Lawyers) to related DCO and DA appeals in relation to rural dam works.

Class 2	<i>Beswick v Sandig</i> [2024] NSWLEC 1703	For the Respondent (unled, instructed by Lane Legal) to an application under Part 2A in respect of alleged view obstruction by bamboo.
	<i>Kent v Aquilina</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1160	For the Respondent (unled, instructed by Ewart & Ewart Solicitors) to an application under Part 2 in respect of alleged property damage/risk of personal injury.
	<i>McGregor v Hatcher</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1381	For the Respondent (unled, instructed by Prandium Legal) to applications under Part 2 and Part 2A in relation to Gracilis Bamboo hedges and a Weeping Fig.
	<i>Xiao v Ying</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1417	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by Maddocks) to an application under Part 2 in respect of alleged property damage/risk of personal injury.
	<i>Owners SP 6286 v Horder</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Respondent (unled, instructed by McLachlan Thorpe Partners) to tree dispute application concerning bamboo hedge.
Class 3	<i>Malouf and LTIRM Pty Ltd v Valuer-General of NSW</i> [2024] NSWLEC 1691	For the Applicants (unled, instructed by Piper Alderman) in valuation objection proceedings in respect of residential land in Iluka Road, Palm Beach.
	<i>LTIRM Pty Ltd v Valuer-General of NSW</i> [2024] NSWLEC 1692	For the Applicants (unled, instructed by Piper Alderman) in valuation objection proceedings in respect of residential land in Iluka Road, Palm Beach.
	<i>Sultana v Blacktown City Council</i> (proceedings resolved at s 34)	For the Applicants (led by N Eastman SC, instructed by HNT Legal) in respect of the compulsory acquisition of land in Rouse Hill.
	<i>Chen Shan Legal Group Pty Ltd; Chen Family Superannuation Fund Custodian Pty Ltd v Sydney Metro</i> (settled prior to hearing)	For the Applicants (led by A Pickles SC, instructed by Piper Alderman) in respect of the compulsory acquisition of freehold/leasehold interests at 37 Bligh Street for the Sydney Metro West Project.
	<i>Peter Kepreotes v Transport for NSW</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the acquiring authority (led by J McKelvey, instructed by Lander & Rogers) in respect of the compulsory acquisition of freehold/leasehold interests for the Inland Rail freight railway project.

Class 4	<i>Tweed Shire Council v MFJ Family Investments Pty Ltd and Jones</i> (resolved at mediation)	For the Respondents (unled, instructed by Finn Roache Lawyers) to civil enforcement proceedings relating to unlawful development of rural premises.
	<i>Deva and Joshi v Lu & Ors</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Applicants (led by N Eastman SC, instructed by Johnson Winter Slattery) in judicial review and civil enforcement proceedings relating to CDC approved residential development in Bellevue Hill.
	<i>Vickery v Tweed Shire Council</i> (settled during final hearing)	For the Applicants (led by I Hemmings SC, instructed by Hones Lawyers) in proceedings concerning the revocation of section 68 approvals and the proper interpretation of a 1995 development consent.
	<i>Hardy v Wheeler and Wingecarribee Shire Council</i> (resolved at mediation)	For individual Respondents (unled, instructed by RMB Lawyers) to proceedings relating to overland flow/stormwater damage to residential property.
	<i>McKillop v Blue Mountains City Council</i> (proceedings discontinued by Applicant)	For Council (unled, instructed by McPhee Kelshaw) in proceedings relating to compliance with the conditions of a 1982 development consent.
Criminal	<i>Gaiety v Loaders & Ors</i> (proceedings discontinued by Applicant)	For a Respondent principal certifying authority (unled, instructed by Lander & Rogers) to proceedings relating to alleged defective residential building work.
	<i>EPA v Freescale Trading Pty Ltd; EPA v Runkorp Pty Ltd</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Defendants (led by T Howard SC, with T March, instructed by Fishburn Watson O'Brien) to Class 5 prosecution by the EPA in respect of alleged contaminated mulch from the Greenlife Resource Recovery Facility.
	<i>Waverley Council v The Core Group Pty Ltd</i>	For the Defendant (unled, instructed by Hartley Solicitors) in Waverley Local Court for planning offences under the EP&A Act.
	<i>City of Parramatta Council v Singh</i>	For Council (unled, instructed by Sparke Helmore) 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).
	<i>Secretary, DCCEEW v Rohwer</i>	For the Defendant (unled, instructed by Lander & Rogers) in Queanbeyan Local Court for land

		clearing offences under the <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i> .
	<i>Chief Regulatory Officer, NRAR v Dhillon</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Defendant (unled, instructed by Holding Redlich) in Macksville Local Court for offences under the <i>Water Management Act 2000</i> .
Section 56A appeals	<i>Northern Beaches Council v Vigor Master Pty Ltd</i> [2025] NSWLEC 136	For the Appellant (led by R Lancaster SC, instructed by Wilshire Webb Staunton Beattie) on an appeal relating to the interrelationship between the EP&A Act and the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> .
NSW Supreme Court	<i>Moschella and Sitehope Pty Ltd v Dagger & Anor</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Plaintiffs (led by C Ireland, instructed by Johnson Winter Slattery) in proceedings relating to the certification of development of bush fire prone land in Roseville.
	<i>Khoury v Jarvis</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Plaintiff (unled, instructed by HNT Legal) in proceedings under s 88K of the <i>Conveyancing Act 1919</i> seeking the imposition of an easement over neighbouring land to drain water.
Local Court (civil)	<i>Charles v Malachi Associates Pty Ltd & Ors</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For a Respondent gym operator (unled, instructed by Matthews Dalton Lawyers) in proceedings for a noise abatement order sought under s 268 of the POEO Act.
NCAT	<i>Streater v Tamworth Regional Council</i> [2024] NSWCATAD 195	For Council (unled, instructed by Shaw Reynolds) in GIPA Act review proceedings relating to (among other things) risk of harm, intimidation and harassment by disclosure of government information.
	<i>Fox v Yass Valley Council</i> [2024] NSWCATAD 365	For Council (unled, instructed by BAL Lawyers) in GIPA Act review proceedings relating to disclosure of personal information.
	<i>Totterman v Richmond Valley Council and Ayr Investments Pty Ltd</i> [2025] NSWCATAD 75	For Council (unled, instructed by Shaw Reynolds) in GIPA Act review proceedings.
Practice and procedure	<i>Gill v Liverpool City Council; Beningna Pty Ltd v Liverpool City Council</i> [2024] NSWLEC 133	For Council (unled, instructed by Maddocks) on an interlocutory application for joinder of former registered proprietor to compulsory acquisition proceedings brought by former mortgagees.
	<i>Australian Muslim Welfare Centre Inc v Campbelltown City Council</i> [2024] NSWLEC 102	For Council (unled, instructed by Shaw Reynolds) on an interlocutory application to set aside a Notice to Produce.

<i>Stroud & Anor v CMZZJ Investments Pty Ltd</i> [2025] NSWLEC 16	For the Respondent (led by M Seymour SC, instructed by Snelgrove Herman Lawyers) on an interlocutory application relating to the operation of s 4(4) of the <i>Trees (Disputes Between Neighbours) Act 2006</i> .
<i>Treyvaud v Transport for New South Wales; Jervis Bay Stockfeeds Pty Ltd v Transport for New South Wales</i> [2025] NSWLEC 61	For the Applicants (unled, instructed by Tony Sattler) on an interlocutory application to substitute expert valuer in Class 3 compulsory acquisition proceedings.
<i>Plenty Company Pty Ltd v Coffs Harbour City Council</i> [2025] NSWLEC 1511	For the Applicant (unled, instructed by Scheib Legal) on an application for costs under r 3.7 of the <i>Land and Environment Court Rules 2007</i> in a Class 1 objector appeal.
<i>Dash v Woollahra Municipal Council</i> (proceedings ongoing)	For the Applicant for joinder (led by R Lancaster SC, instructed by Beatty Hughes) to a residential development appeal.

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 8 December 2025.