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ADMISSIONS

- Barrister, New South Wales Bar, 2023.
- Admitted as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, 2018.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws (Honours Class I), *University of Sydney*, 2012–2017

Academic Awards

- High distinction grade for law honours thesis on the equitable doctrine of accident, supervised by Professor Stumbles and marked by Professor Gummow AC, 2017.
- Christopher C Hodgekiss Prize for first place in Competition Law, 2016.
- E.D. Roper Memorial Prize No. 1 for Equity and Corporations Law for highest combined mark in Equity and Corporations Law, 2015.
- Recipient of Dean's Entry Scholarship for Science, 2012.

Mooting Achievements

- Winner, Australian Chartered Institute of Arbitrators pre-moot to the Willem C Vis Commercial Arbitration Moot, 2017.
- Winner of Oral Rounds and Best Written Memoranda, International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot in London, 2016.

EXPERIENCE

Associate, *Allens Linklaters* (Litigation – Restructuring and Insolvency), February 2021–March 2023

Selected matters

- Acted for Westpac Banking Corporation in *Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Westpac Banking Corporation* (NSD 386/2021) in proceedings relating to alleged breaches of insider trading and unconscionable conduct laws.
- Acted for The Star Entertainment Group in *Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre v The Star Pty Limited ACN 060 510 410 & Anor* (NSD 1025/2022) in proceedings relating to alleged breaches of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws.

- Acted for a claimant in an expert determination relating to a dispute under a development deed in the residential aged-care sector.
- Acted for an investor in an expert determination relating to a dispute arising from project financing.
- Acted for a major bank in relation to a regulatory investigation concerning compliance with financial services licensee obligations under s912A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).
- Provided advice, including in relation to: termination rights (including termination for convenience) under supply agreements, obligations and entitlements under agency agreements, tipping off provisions under the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (Cth), anti-bribery and corruption legislative regimes across New South Wales, Victoria and the Commonwealth by reference to the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022* (Cth), and prospects of enforcement of foreign injunctions in the context of a hostile takeover, among other matters.

Lecturer and Tutor, *University of New South Wales, School of Law, 2021–2022*

- Lecturer and Tutor of ‘Equity and Trusts’ course, convened by Professor Simone Degeling.

Associate and Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Mark Leeming, *New South Wales Court of Appeal, August 2019–December 2020*

Lawyer, Senior Paralegal and Summer Clerk, *Allens Linklaters, November 2016–August 2019*

- Rotations in Banking and Finance, and Restructuring and Insolvency.

Paralegal, Corporate Team, *Addisons Lawyers, November 2015–November 2016*

PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

An accident waiting to happen: Questioning the relevance of the equitable doctrine of accident (2018) 46 Aust Bar Rev 126

Volunteer, Homeless Persons Legal Service, 2018–2019