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ADMISSIONS Barrister, New South Wales (2026)
Attorney, State of New York (2026)
Lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (2020)

EXPERIENCE

2026-present **Barrister**
Fifth Floor St James' Hall

2025 **High Court of Australia**
Associate to Chief Justice Stephen Gageler AC

2025 **Australian National University**
Sessional Academic (Australian Public Law)

2023-2024 **Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT**
Senior Solicitor (Redfern)

2021-2022 **Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT**
Solicitor (Dubbo) and Senior Solicitor (Broken Hill)

2020 **Supreme Court of New South Wales**
Tipstaff to Justice Peter Garling RFD

2019 **Australian National University**
Researcher for Professor Donald Rothwell (Public International Law)

2018 **Australian Mission to the United Nations, New York**
Intern, Sixth Committee

EDUCATION

2022-2023 **Harvard Law School**
Master of Laws
R.G. Menzies Scholarship to Harvard.

2015-2019 **Australian National University**
Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours)

2014-2019 **Australian National University**
Bachelor of International Relations

SELECTED CASES

High Court of Australia		
<i>NAAJA v Northern Territory of Australia</i> (ongoing) – Chapter III, validity of s 7A(2AB) of the <i>Bail Act 1982</i> (NT), acting for NAAJA	Constitutional	Led by Bret Walker SC, Thomas Wood and Kate Bones Instructed by Gilbert + Tobin
<i>Tenhoopen v The King</i> (special leave application, ongoing) – requirement for proof of constructive murder in context of joint criminal enterprise, acting for Mr Tenhoopen	Criminal	Led by Bret Walker SC and Chelsea Brain Instructed by Legal Services Commission South Australia
New South Wales Court of Appeal		
<i>KLH v Northern NSW Local Health District</i> [2026] NSWCA 136 – construction of a provision of the <i>Mental Health Act 2007</i> (NSW), acting for Northern NSW Local Health District.	Public	Led by Surya Palaniappan Instructed by NSW Crown Solicitor’s Office
<i>Dexus Capital Investment Services Pty Limited & Ors v Australia Pacific Airport Corporation Limited & Ors</i> (ongoing) – construction of Shareholders’ Deed, acting for Australia Pacific Airport Corporation Limited.	Commercial	Led by John Sheahan KC, Robert Dick SC, Sebastian Hartford-Davis and Bronte Lambourne Instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright
New South Wales Court of Criminal Appeal		
<i>Pele v R</i> [2026] NSWCCA 172 – whether inference of juror misconduct arises from jury note, acting for the Crown.	Criminal	Led by Elizabeth Nicholson SC Instructed by ODPP (NSW)
Federal Court of Australia		
<i>Abercrombie v Takeovers Panel</i> (ongoing) – judicial review of decision of the Takeovers Panel/challenge to the constitutionality of certain powers of Takeovers Panel, acting for ASIC (as contradictor).	Administrative /Constitutional	Led by Christopher Tran Instructed by AGS
<i>Robertson v Singtel Optus Pty Ltd & Ors; Australian Communications and Media Authority v Optus Mobile Pty Limited; Australian Information Commissioner v Singtel Optus Pty Limited & Anor</i> (ongoing) – multiple proceedings arising out of cyber-attack, acting for Optus parties.	Class Action/Regulatory	Led by Steven Finch SC, Emma Bathurst and David Monteith Instructed by Ashurst Perkins Coie
Supreme Court of New South Wales		
<i>Dexus Capital Investment Services Pty Limited & Ors v Australia Pacific Airport Corporation Limited & Ors</i> (ongoing) – claim under indemnity clause, acting for Australia Pacific Airport Corporation Limited.	Commercial	Led by Sebastian Hartford-Davis and Bronte Lambourne Instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright
Supreme Court of Victoria		
<i>Marshall v Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (No 3)</i> [2026] VSC 582– application for redaction, acting for Peter Marshall and United Firefighters Union	Public	Led by Bret Walker SC Instructed by Slater & Gordon