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Qualifications

Admitted as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (2021)
Called to the Bar (September 2025); Joanna Knight Scholarship Recipient

Education

BACHELOR OF LANGUAGES, ANU 2023

- Arabic, French, Italian, Persian

LAW UNDERGRADUATE UNITS, SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL 2018

- Completed four subjects to qualify in NSW with distinction average

LLM (ADV) PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, LEIDEN UNIVERSITY 2017

- Cum Laude; specialization in international criminal law

BACHELOR OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE 2016

- Accelerated program (two years in lieu of three)
- Wolfson College Travel Grant – Hague Academy of International Law 2015

BACHELOR OF ARTS, THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY 2013

- USYD Honours Scholarship 2013
- Academic Merit Prize (HD average) 2012
- Government and IR; Arab Islamic Studies

Experience

ASSOCIATE, FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA 2023-2025

LECTURER, THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES 2019-2025

Federal Constitutional Law | Evidence | Principles of Public Law | Public International Law |
International Criminal Law | Torts | Legal Research and Writing | Global Common Law Systems
| Law in the Global Context

LECTURER AND TUTOR, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY 2019-2021

Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice | Administrative Law | Federal Constitutional Law | Public
International Law

EDITOR, LEIDEN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 2016-2017

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS 2013-2014

Languages

Pashto (Native) | Arabic (B level) | French (B level) | Persian (B level) | Italian (B level) |

Extra - Curricular

Bar News Committee, 2026-2027
Jessup International Law Moot Competition 2017 Finalist
Siracusa Specialisation in International Criminal Law Moot 2017 Winner
Michael Kirby Plain Speaking Competition, Finalist 2012
President, Sydney University Politics Society 2012
Executive Director, The Sydney Globalist, 2012

Selected Matters

MATTER	DESCRIPTION	COURT / TRIBUNAL	ROLE
<i>AJQ24 v Commonwealth of Australia & Anor</i>	<i>Application for an extension of time, interlocutory injunction and constitutional writ. Appeared for the applicant.</i>	<i>High Court of Australia</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Bret Walker SC with J D Donnelly and T P O'Connor</i>
<i>TCXM v Commonwealth of Australia (NSD1295/2026)</i>	<i>Interlocutory application requesting the Naoeroan government officials to provide the applicant with medical records to which he is entitled under Naoeroan law. Appeared for the applicant.</i>	<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Bret Walker SC with M Guo and J Stoller</i>
<i>APESMA v Whitehaven Coal Mining Ltd (NSD2098/2025)</i>	<i>Industrial dispute</i>	<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Christopher Tran SC</i>
<i>SXHR v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (No 2) [2026] FCA 1548</i>	<i>Migration</i>	<i>Federal Court of Australia</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Emma Bathurst</i>
<i>Restricted Decision [2026] NSWCCA 169</i>	<i>Decision restricted</i>	<i>Court of Criminal Appeal NSW</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Thomas Woods</i>
<i>Run Nation Championship Pty Ltd v Tracey Crowther & Anor (2026)360133)</i>	<i>Whether RNC 4 is a “combat sport” for the purposes of the Combat Sports Act 2013 (NSW). Appeared for the applicant.</i>	<i>Supreme Court of NSW</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Christopher Tran SC</i>
<i>Kipoi Holdings Mauritius Ltd v Robert Michael Kirman & Ors (CACV106/2021)</i>	<i>Valuation of shares - s 59(4) hearing</i>	<i>Supreme Court of WA</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Steward Maiden KC with N Wallwork and B Willesee</i>
<i>CKN26 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs & Anor (PEG209/2026)</i>	<i>Judicial review of an ART migration decision. Appeared for the applicant.</i>	<i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</i>	<i>Unled; instructed by Oxford Law Group</i>
<i>Dev Khursija v BYD Wollongong t/a Harmony New Energy Auto Pro Servicing Pty Ltd (SYG431/2026)</i>	<i>Employment dispute</i>	<i>Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Martin Watts</i>
<i>R v Peiman Khodaei (2024/00050754)</i>	<i>Disputed facts sentencing proceeding involving co-offenders</i>	<i>District Court of NSW</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Thomas Woods</i>
<i>R v Deepak Puri</i>	<i>Application for a judge alone trial</i>	<i>District Court of NSW</i>	<i>Junior counsel led by Thomas Woods</i>
<i>Knox Farms Pty Ltd v McCarthy Lawyers Pty Ltd & Ors</i>	<i>Discovery application Appeared for the 4th, 5th and 6th defendants.</i>	<i>Supreme Court of NSW</i>	<i>Unled; instructed by K&L Gates</i>

<i>The Owners of Strata Plan 6520 v Ahmad Jaber (2025/00136101)</i>	<i>Debt recovery claim Appeared for the plaintiff.</i>	<i>Local Court of NSW</i>	<i>Unled; instructed by Sarvaas Ciappara Lawyers</i>
<i>Xiaolian Tan v Asmaa Ahmad Ghuneim (2025/00106969)</i>	<i>Damages dispute following a motor vehicle accident. Appeared for the defendant.</i>	<i>Local Court of NSW</i>	<i>Unled; instructed by Sadek Lawyers</i>
<i>Grenfell & District Senior Citizens' Welfare Committee Inc v Ann Armour</i>	<i>Appeal against orders under the Residential Tenancies Act 2010. Acted for the respondent.</i>	<i>NCAT Appellate Panel</i>	<i>Unled; instructed by the Tenants Union of NSW Co-op</i>

Reading	MATTER	DESCRIPTION	COURT / TRIBUNAL	LEADER
	<i>In the matter of Mayne Pharma Group Limited [2025] NSWSC 1204</i>	<i>Conferences and Cross Examination of Key Witness</i>	<i>Supreme Court of NSW</i>	<i>Noel Hutley SC with T O'Brien SC and D Farinha</i>
	<i>Hartnett v Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes [2026] NSWCA 35</i>	<i>Conferences and Hearing</i>	<i>Court of Appeal NSW</i>	<i>Bret Walker SC with E Romaniuk SC and J Masur</i>
	<i>Haouchar v Parole Authority of NSW [2025] NSWSC 1246</i>	<i>Hearing</i>	<i>Supreme Court of NSW</i>	<i>Christopher Tran SC</i>
	<i>Brett Cattle Company Pty Ltd v Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry [2026] FCAFC 63</i>	<i>Conferences and Hearing</i>	<i>Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia</i>	<i>Noel Hutley SC with P J Holmes</i>

Advices

- *Opinions and advices with various senior counsel and junior counsel on questions concerning federal constitutional law including executive power, contractual interpretation, judicial review of migration decisions, native title, trusts, environmental planning law, insurance law, white collar crime and tort law*
- *Opinions and advices on questions concerning judicial review of migration decisions, industrial law and contractual interpretation*

Publications

Reservations in the treaty interpretation exercise: *CCDM Holdings LLC v The Republic of India* [2026] HCA 9, Bar News, Winter 2026

Don't make a wreck of it: Grappling, again, with treaty reservations in *CSL Australia Pty Ltd v Tasmanian Ports Corporation Pty Ltd* [2026] HCA 15, Bar News, Summer 2026 (upcoming)

International Law and the High Court of Australia by Dr Christopher Ward (Book Review), Bar News, Summer 2026 (upcoming)