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Admitted as Lawyer: 2021
Called to the Bar: 2026

I am a qualified barrister, lawyer, environmental scientist and planner with over twenty-two years' experience in planning assessment and approvals before being admitted as a lawyer in 2021.

I predominately practice in the areas of planning and environment law, and have been involved in a range of commercial disputes, debt recovery, building and construction litigation, business sales, property disputes, compulsory acquisition, planning appeals and criminal prosecutions of summary offences on behalf of local Councils.

Qualifications:

2021	Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice College of Law
2018 - 2021	Diploma in Law Legal Profession Admission Board of NSW
2003 – 2005	Graduate Diploma Urban and Regional Planning University of New England
1995 – 1997	Bachelor of Environmental Science (Environmental Management) University of Newcastle

Experience:

August 2025 to May 2026	Matthews Folbigg Lawyers, NSW Associate Lawyer
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- Prosecuting offences under the *Roads Act 1993*
- Severity appeals in the NSW District Court

- Advice regarding *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, *Local Government Act 1993* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

Sept 2024
to July 2025

Local Government Legal, NSW
Associate Lawyer

- Prosecuting offences under *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*, *Local Government Act 1993*, *Food Act 2001*, *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, *Companion Animals Act 1998*, *Roads Act 1993*
- Class 1 and 3 Land and Environment Court appeals
- NCAT proceedings of applications under *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* and *Holiday Parks (Long-term Occupation) Act 2002*
- Preparation and review of notices and development control orders under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- Advice regarding Council delegations and legal obligations

September 2023 -
September 2024

Baker Love Lawyers
Litigation Lawyer

- Advice regarding breach of contract
- Representation at the Fair Work Commission
- Property disputes
- Disputes under *Home Building Act 1999*
- Debt recovery
- Enforcement of judgments
- Property law – conveyancing and commercial leases
- Family provisions, wills and estate disputes
- Pre-purchase due diligence reviews

September 2022 -
September 2023

Jenkins Legal & Advisory
Property, Planning & Commercial Lawyer

- Review of business sale contracts
- Review of property contracts
- Conveyancing
- Preparation of Put and Call Deeds

- Preparation and review of commercial leases
- Contract and commercial lease disputes

May 2021 -
September 2022

Dentons

Solicitor, Planning, Environment & Government

- Advice regarding development consents and applications
- Advice regarding business purchase and environmental liability
- Class 3 Land and Environment Court compensation litigation
- Class 1 Land and Environment Court appeals on behalf of Appellant and Respondent
- Class 3 *Encroachment of Buildings Act* proceedings in the Land and Environment Court
- Pro-bono advice for Legal Aid regarding immigration of Afghanistan refugees

2009 – 2021

PEP Consulting Pty Ltd

Owner / Principal Environmental Planner

- Preparation of LEPs and DCPs
- Assessment of development application assessments as contractor to Councils
- RMS Environmental Approvals/Compliance Officer
- Community Liaison Manager for Scone Bypass construction
- Acquisition Manager for RMS Raymond Terrace Bypass

2000 - 2008

Parsons Brinkerhoff

Senior Environmental Planner

1998 – 2000

Cleanaway

Environmental Compliance Officer

Memberships:

- NSW Bar Association
- Environment and Planning Law Association (EPLA)
- Planning Institute of Australia NSW (PIA)
- PIA NSW Women in Planning Network