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**Admission as lawyer** 2017

**Call to the Bar** 2024

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 for 6 years, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### Land and Environment Court

#### Class 1 development appeals and miscellaneous appeals

*Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd v Independent Planning Commission* – for Maitland City Council (led by T To) in an appeal against the IPC's refusal of an SSDA for the continuation/expansion of Martins Creek Quarry. Judgment reserved.

*Hayek v Randwick City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 1631 – for the Applicant (led by N Hammond) in relation to proposed development of four-storey residential flat building in Coogee.

*Volfneuk v Blacktown City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 1793 – for the Applicant (unled) in relation to development of two 6-storey residential flat buildings in Mount Druitt.

*Clayton Larcombe v Woollahra Municipal Council* [2025] NSWLEC 1162 – for the Applicant (led by A Pickles SC) seeking approval to demolish existing buildings and construct three-storey dwelling, swimming pool, tennis court and related landscaping in Bellevue Hill.

*Hou v Hornsby Shire Council* [2025] NSWLEC 1106 – for the Applicant (unled) to related DCO and BIC appeal proceedings in relation unlawful residential extension works in Westleigh.

*McMahon-Ford v The Council of the City of Sydney* [2024] NSWLEC 1748 – for the Applicant (led by N Eastman SC) in relation to residential development in Rosebery.

*ZT Architects Pty Ltd v Campbelltown City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 1768 – for Council (unled) in a residential development appeal for Torrens title subdivision and attached dual occupancy.

*Ji Family Holdings Pty Ltd atf Ji Family Trust v Randwick City Council* [2025] NSWLEC 1065 – for the Applicant (unled) in relation to subdivision by boundary adjustment of residential land in Kingsford.

Abata Pty Limited v Kiama Municipal Council – for Council (unled) in an appeal against a development control order issued in respect of dog kennels/dog boarding facility. Proceedings ongoing.

Granny Flat Pioneers Pty Ltd v Liverpool City Council – for the Applicant (unled) in relation to proposed development of centre-based childcare facility in Casula. Proceedings ongoing.

Realta Enterprises Pty Ltd v Wollongong City Council – for the Applicant (led by M Staunton) in relation to proposed development of childcare centre in Russell Vale. Proceedings ongoing.

#### Class 2 tree disputes

*Beswick v Sandig* [2024] NSWLEC 1703 – for the Respondent (unled) to an application under Part 2A in respect of alleged view obstruction.

*Kent v Aquilina* [2025] NSWLEC 1160 – for the Respondent (unled) to an application under Part 2 in respect of alleged property damage/risk of personal injury.

Xiao v Ying – for the Applicant (unled) to an application under Part 2 in respect of alleged property damage/risk of personal injury. Decision reserved.

McGregor v Hatcher – for the Respondent (unled) to applications under Part 2 and Part 2A in relation to Gracilis Bamboo hedges and a Weeping Fig. Decision reserved.

#### Class 3 valuation and compensation matters

*Malouf and LTIRM Pty Ltd v Valuer-General of NSW* [2024] NSWLEC 1691 and *LTIRM Pty Ltd v Valuer-General of NSW* [2024] NSWLEC 1692 – for the Applicants (unled) in valuation objection proceedings in respect of residential land in Iluka Road, Palm Beach.

Sultana v Blacktown City Council – for the Applicants (led by N Eastman SC) in respect of the compulsory acquisition of land in Rouse Hill. Proceedings ongoing.

Chen Shan Legal Group Pty Ltd; Chen Family Superannuation Fund Custodian Pty Ltd v Sydney Metro – for the Applicants (led by A Pickles SC) in respect of the compulsory acquisition of freehold/leasehold interests at 37 Bligh Street for the Sydney Metro West Project. Settled prior to hearing.

#### Class 4 civil enforcement matters

Tweed Shire Council v MFJ Family Investments Pty Ltd and Jones – for the Respondents (unled) to proceedings relating to unlawful development of rural premises. Resolved at mediation.

Gaiety v Loaders & Ors – for a Respondent (unled) principal certifying authority to proceedings relating to alleged defective residential building work. Proceedings discontinued by Applicant.

Hardy v Wheeler and Wingecarribee Shire Council – for individual Respondents (unled) to proceedings relating to overland flow/stormwater damage to residential property. Resolved at mediation.

McKillop v Blue Mountains City Council – for Council (unled) in proceedings relating to compliance with the conditions of a 1982 development consent. Proceedings ongoing.

Vickery v Tweed Shire Council – for the Applicants (led by I Hemmings SC) in proceedings concerning the revocation of section 68 *Local Government Act 1993* approvals and the construction of a 1995 development consent. Proceedings ongoing.

#### Class 5 summary enforcement proceedings

EPA v Freescale Trading Pty Ltd; EPA v Runkorp Pty Ltd – for the Defendants (led by T Howard SC, with L Sims) to proceedings brought by the EPA in respect of alleged contaminated mulch from the Greenlife Resource Recovery Facility. Proceedings ongoing.

#### Practice and procedure

*Gill v Liverpool City Council; Benigna Pty Ltd v Liverpool City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 133 – for Council (unled) on an interlocutory application for joinder of former registered proprietor to compulsory acquisition proceedings brought by former mortgagees.

*Australian Muslim Welfare Centre Inc v Campbelltown City Council* [2024] NSWLEC 102 – for Council (unled) on an interlocutory application to set aside a Notice to Produce.

*Stroud & Anor v CMZZJ Investments Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWLEC 16 – for the Respondent (led by M Seymour SC) on an interlocutory application relating to the operation of s 4(4) of the *Trees (Disputes Between Neighbours) Act 2006*.

#### Local, District and Supreme Court

Waverley Council v The Core Group Pty Ltd – for the Defendant (unled) on sentence in Waverley Local Court for planning offences under the EP&A Act.

Moschella and Sitehope Pty Ltd v Dagger & Anor – for the Plaintiffs (led by C Ireland) in Supreme Court proceedings (transferred from the District Court) in relation to the certification of development of bush fire prone land in Roseville. Proceedings ongoing.

Charles v Malachi Associates Pty Ltd & Ors – for a Respondent gym operator (unled) in Local Court proceedings for a noise abatement order sought under s 268 of the POEO Act. Proceedings ongoing.

Tasker v Dak-Wal Constructions Pty Ltd & Ors – for the Respondent landowners (unled) to proceedings alleging a breach of s 177 of the *Conveyancing Act 1919*. Proceedings ongoing.

ITG Australia TS Pty Ltd atf Western Sydney Airport Business Park Trust v Dong & Young Pty Ltd – for the Respondent (unled) to Local Court proceedings brought under the *Access to Neighbouring Land Act 2000*. Proceedings ongoing.

## NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal

*Streater v Tamworth Regional Council* [2024] NSWCATAD 195 – for Council (unled) in GIPA Act review proceedings relating to (among other things) risk of harm, intimidation and harassment by disclosure of government information.

*Fox v Yass Valley Council* [2024] NSWCATAD 365 – for Council (unled) in GIPA Act review proceedings relating to disclosure of personal information.

*Totterman v Richmond Valley Council and Ayr Investments Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWCATAD 75 – for Council (unled) in GIPA Act review proceedings.

## **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 23 April 2025.