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ADMISSIONS

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| 2021 | Barrister at the New South Wales Bar |
| 2020 | Register of Practitioners of the High Court of Australia |
| 2019 | Lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales |

PROFESSIONAL

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| February 2021 – April 2021 | Lawyer – Clayton Utz |
| January 2020 – January 2021 | Equity Division Researcher to Justice J K Ward, Chief Judge in Equity and Judge of Appeal (now President of New South Wales Court of Appeal) – Supreme Court of New South Wales |
| November 2018 – January 2020 | Lawyer (formerly Graduate at Law and Summer Clerk) – Clayton Utz |

ACADEMIC

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| November 2018 – May 2024 | Adjunct Research Fellow – UWA Law School, The University of Western Australia |
| July 2020 – July 2022 | Sessional Academic – Sydney Law School, University of Sydney |
| January 2019 – March 2019 | Sessional Lecturer – UWA Law School, The University of Western Australia |
| May 2017 – February 2019 | Research Assistant – UWA Law School, The University of Western Australia |
| April 2018 – November 2018 | Academic Tutor – School of Indigenous Studies, The University of Western Australia |
| July 2017 – November 2018 | Sessional Tutor – UWA Law School, The University of Western Australia |

OTHER EXPERIENCE, APPOINTMENTS, AND INVOLVEMENT

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| July 2025 – current | Member – Bar News Committee, New South Wales Bar Association |
| February 2023 – current | Reporter – <i>Commonwealth Law Reports</i> |
| November 2019 – November 2022 | Reporter – <i>New South Wales Law Reports</i> |

EDUCATION

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| July 2020 – current | Doctor of Philosophy – University of Sydney Thesis title: 'A Model of Reliance-based Liability' Postgraduate Research Support Scheme; Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset Scholarship; Walter Reid Memorial Fund |
| 2018 | Juris Doctor – The University of Western Australia 2nd in graduating year; Dean's List (Academic Excellence and Research by Invitation) for class rank at graduation and Advanced Legal Research (by Invitation); UWA Law School Valedictorian for academic performance and contribution to the University King & Wood Mallesons Prize in Law for top performance in Advanced Legal Research (by Invitation); David Howe Memorial Prize for Procedure and Ethics; Second place in Evidence; Second place in Commercial Practice; Semi-Finalist, Philip C Jessup International Law Moot (Regional Rounds); Third place in Supervised Research; Richard McCormack Prize in Equity and Trusts; Student Editor, <i>University of Western Australia Law Review</i> ; Prize in Legal Process |
| July 2015 | Law Summer School – The London School of Economics and Political Science |
| 2014 | Bachelor of Arts – The University of Western Australia Economics and Political Science & International Relations Various awards and subject prizes for undergraduate studies |

SELECTED MATTERS

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Cirrus Real Time Processing Systems Pty Ltd v Hawker Pacific Pty Ltd [2025] HCADisp 254: certainty and completeness and intention in contractual formation (led by J C Giles SC)

Kramer v Stone (2024) 281 CLR 484: knowledge requirements in proprietary estoppel (led by P D Herzfeld SC with H Bennett)

Elisha v Vision Australia Ltd [2024] HCA 50; (2024) 421 ALR 184; (2024) 99 ALJR 171: breach of employment disciplinary and termination procedures and *Addis v Gramophone Co Ltd* [1909] AC 488 and remoteness (led by P D Herzfeld SC with E Makowski)

Jet Aviation Pty Ltd v Cirrus Real Time Processing Systems Pty Ltd [2024] HCASL 99: variation to meaning of contract without varying express words (led by J C Giles SC)

183 Eastwood Pty Ltd v Dragon Property Development & Investment Pty Ltd [2023] HCATrans 146: misleading silence and ostensible authority (led by B Walker AO SC)

Acciona Infrastructure Australia Pty Ltd v Zurich Australian Insurance Ltd [2023] HCASL 123: use of ‘purpose’ in contractual construction (led by P D Herzfeld SC)

INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE

Chukwuma v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (SAD256/2026): personal decision to cancel visa and ‘NZYQ cohort’ (led by P D Herzfeld SC)

Medibank Private Ltd v McClure (VID406/2025): concurrent hearing concerning privilege in various third-party expert reports (led by W A Harris KC with K Brazenor and leading E Nadon)

The Trust Company Limited ACN 004 027 749 v Commonwealth of Australia (NSWCA 2025/00234952): contractual construction and quantification of damages (led by J Steele SC with L Robb Vujcic)

SE Ware Street Dev Pty Ltd v Kwik Flo Pty Ltd [2026] NSWCA 9: statutory interpretation and meaning of “determination” under SOPA (led by D A Hughes SC)

Allchin v Hunter Water Corporation (No 3) [2025] NSWCA 253: power to dismiss summarily during trial for non-appearance (unled via NSW Bar Association’s Legal Assistance Referral Scheme)

Jaworski v Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand [2025] NSWCA 177: competency of appeal (unled)

Spall v Minister for Home Affairs (2025) 309 FCR 460: citizenship revocation and ‘rule as to number’ (led by P D Herzfeld SC)

Cirrus Real Time Processing Systems Pty Ltd v Jet Aviation Australia Pty Ltd (formerly Hawker Pacific Pty Ltd) (2025) 311 FCR 408: contractual, misleading conduct, and estoppel claims concerning defence materials sub-contracting (led by J C Giles SC)

Aqualand North Sydney Lavender Development Pty Ltd v The Owners – Strata Plan No. 102081 [2025] NSWCA 143: ‘ordinary course of business’ and ‘unjustified’ in freezing orders/*Mareva* injunctions (led by D T Miller SC)

Levitt v Luke (in his capacity as the co-executor of the estate of Luke (Deceased)) [2025] FCAFC 79 and *Levitt v Luke (in his capacity as the co-executor of the estate of Luke (Deceased))* [2024] FCA 552: leave to appeal and appeal concerning disallowance of costs *inter se* on settlement (led by P D Herzfeld SC)

Arjunan v Neighbourhood Association DP 285853 (NSWCA 2022/365344): vexatious litigant and proceedings orders (unled via NSW Bar Association’s Legal Assistance Referral Scheme)

Cirrus Real Time Processing Systems Pty Ltd v Jet Aviation Pty Ltd (2023) 113 NSWLR 80: variation to meaning of contract without varying express words (led by J C Giles SC)

183 Eastwood Pty Ltd v Dragon Property Development & Investment Pty Ltd [2023] NSWCA 146: stay pending special leave to appeal (unled against silk)

DSHE Holdings Ltd (Receivers and Managers) (in liq) v Potts [2022] NSWCA 165; (2022) 405 ALR 70; (2022) 163 ACSR 23 and *DSHE Holdings Ltd (Receivers and Managers) (in liq) v Potts (No 2)* [2022] NSWCA 258: dividend payments and s 254T and claims arising from insolvency of Dick Smith (led by R M Smith SC)

Icon Co (NSW) Pty Ltd v Owners – Strata Plan No 97315 [2022] NSWCA 114: preliminary evidentiary rulings (led by D T Miller SC)

ARBITRATION AND EXPERT DETERMINATION

Acting for multinational technology company in arbitration concerning complex contractual dispute (led by A Horvath SC and leading B Hord)

Acting for multinational technology company in arbitration concerning benchmarking of long-term contract (led by T O Prince)

Acting for multinational transport infrastructure company in expert determination and arbitration (led by R M Smith SC with D A Hughes)

WCX M4-M5 Link AT Pty Ltd v Acciona Infrastructure Projects Australia Pty Ltd [2022] NSWSC 375 and *WCX M4-M5 Link AT Pty Ltd v Acciona Infrastructure Projects Australia Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2022] NSWSC 505: waiver of privilege and injunction restraining referral to arbitration and stay of proceedings (led by D T Miller SC with N Simpson)

Acting for multinational transport infrastructure company in expert determination (led by D A Hughes)

COMMERCIAL, COMPETITION, AND CORPORATIONS

Darren John Vardy in his capacity as liquidator of NPC Advisory (TC) Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) (NSD2152/2025): default judgment in liquidation proceeding (unled)

AXS Funding PTY Ltd v Whitehall & Associates Pty Ltd (NSWSC 2025/00439863): substantial alleged frauds under lending facilities (led by E Holmes SC)

Steven Ghraiche Property Pty Ltd v Princeton Securities Australasia Pty Ltd (NSWSC 2025/00416345): construction and breach of financing facilities (led by D A Hughes SC)

Starbelle Energy Pty Ltd as trustee for Cronulla Coal Unit Trust v New Emerald Energy Pty Ltd (NSD197/2024): derivative action and deed of company arrangement (unled)

Million Up Ltd v Orient Zirconic Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd (NSWSC 2024/00084241): breach of joint venture and misleading or deceptive conduct claims concerning \$33 million arbitral award (led by P Gaffney)

Elecnor Australia Pty Ltd v Neoen Australia Pty Ltd (NSWSC 2024/109748): misleading and deceptive conduct concerning major construction project (led by J C Giles SC with P Gaffney and leading M Thompson)

Jaworski v Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (NSWSC 2025/00248614): declaratory relief concerning internal management of incorporated association

Allied Pinnacle Pty Ltd v G R Mailman & Associates Pty Ltd [2026] NSWSC 87: breach of lease and unconscionable conduct claims (led by J C Giles SC)

Bennelong Capital Pty Ltd v Australian Ability Enterprises Pty Ltd (NSWSC 2022/00386552): debt/breach of contract claims concerning circa \$15 million financing transaction (led by L Livingston SC)

Ligon 158 Pty Ltd (in liq) v Binetter [2026] FCA 55: setting aside service in ongoing proceedings concerning validity of settlement deeds from Binetter tax frauds (unled against silk)

SE Ware Street Dev Pty Ltd v Kwik Flo Pty Ltd [2025] NSWSC 1299: injunction for abuse of process arising from repetitious SOPA adjudications and costs (led by D A Hughes SC and later unled)

Shield Holdings Australia Pty Ltd (In Liquidation) v Binetter [2025] FCA 451: substituted service in ongoing proceedings concerning validity of settlement deeds from Binetter tax frauds (unled)

Skyline Landscape Services Pty Limited v G.M.R. Schembri trading as Parklea Sand & Soil [2025] NSWSC 492: stay of proceeding pending concurrent criminal proceedings (led by D T Miller SC)

Jaworski v Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (No 4) [2025] NSWSC 457 and *Jaworski v Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (No 5)* [2025] NSWSC 590: 'Wallersteiner order' to bring common law derivative claims and costs (led by J C Giles SC)

In the matter of Spring Street Property Group Pty Ltd [2025] NSWSC 422; (2025) 175 ACSR 1: competing claims to receivership funds and contractual claims (led by S A Fitzpatrick SC)

Ligon 158 Pty Ltd (In liq) v Shield Holdings Australia Pty Ltd (In liq) [2025] FCA 3: appointment of special purpose liquidator and validity of settlement deeds concerning Binetter tax frauds (unled against silk)

Cirrus Real Time Processing Systems Pty Ltd v Hawker Pacific Pty Ltd [2024] FCA 763: contract and estoppel claims concerning teaming agreement and sub-contracting (led by J C Giles SC)

In the matter of A S P Aluminium Holdings Pty Ltd [2024] NSWSC 183: leave to bring statutory derivative action (led by C H Withers SC and leading K Dyon)

Cirrus Real Time Processing Systems Pty Ltd v Jet Aviation Australia Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 464: contractual construction (led by J C Giles SC)

Stamford Bridge SW6 Pty Ltd v Blaise Building Services Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 50: security for costs (unled)

EQUITY AND TRUSTS

Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (CIV 3041/2010) and *DFD Rhodes Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd* (CIV2737/2013): partnership claims over mining assets (led by C H Withers SC with various others)

Hitchcock v Pratt Group Holdings Pty Ltd as trustee for the Pratt Family Holdings Trust [2024] NSWSC 1292: significant pleading dispute in ongoing proceeding concerning administration of trust (led by C H Withers SC with K Lindeman and leading B Smith)

Huynh v Kang (No 2) [2025] NSWSC 1381: mortgage sale and fraud/deceit (unled via NSW Bar Association's Legal Assistance Referral Scheme)

Winterton v Cooper (NSWSC 2024/250634): now settled common intention constructive trust and estoppel claims (unled)

Advising a non-profit collecting society in relation to its duties under the *Copyright Act 1968* (Cth), in trusts law, and cognate obligations (unled)

PP New Pty Ltd [2021] NSWSC 1426: judicial advice in winding up of employee entitlement trust (unled)

INSURANCE

Scottish Pacific Business Finance Pty Ltd v Chubb Insurance Australia Limited (NSWSC 2025/44941): declinature claim concerning policy construction, disclosures, and other issues on policy response (led by S A Fitzpatrick SC)

AAI Ltd v Chubb Insurance Australia Ltd (NSWSC 2023/322650): complex double insurance claim (led by P D Herzfeld SC)

Norske Skog (Australasia) Pty Ltd v Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co Ltd (NSD348/2022): indemnity proceeding (led by P D Herzfeld SC)

PUBLIC LAW AND JUDICIAL REVIEW

Jaworski v Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (ART 2025/1424): judicial review of privacy complaint (unled)

Lyon v Professional Standards Council (NSWSC 2025/269769): validity of Professional Standards Scheme under *Professional Standards Act 1994* (NSW) (led by J C Giles SC)

Chukwuma v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs [2025] FCA 1302: personal decision to cancel visa and 'NZYQ cohort' (led by P D Herzfeld SC)

Cumaiyi v Northern Territory of Australia [2025] FCA 244: discontinuances of two proceedings on behalf of Indigenous residents of Wadeye concerning alleged contraventions of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) (unled against silk)

Chapman v Australian Skills Quality Authority (CAG77/2024): freedom of information and disclosures under *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) (unled)

Spall v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs [2024] FCA 849: citizenship revocation and correctness of *Pearson v Minister for Home Affairs* [2022] FCAFC 203 (led by P D Herzfeld SC)

Medibank Private Ltd v Australian Information Commissioner (2024) 301 FCR 517: interveners in proceeding for stay of OAIC complaints (led by K Loxley and leading E Nadon)

NSW Electoral Commission v Kempsey Shire Council (No 2) [2022] NSWSC 282 and *NSW Electoral Commission v Kempsey Shire Council (No 3)* [2022] NSWSC 409: judicial review concerning validity of certain local government election results (led by J S Emmett SC with C Roberts)

REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Green v Johnson and Johnson Pacific Pty Ltd [2025] FCA 583: strike out application in ongoing proceeding concerning inefficacy of phenylephrine in Codral and Sudafed products (led by W A D Edwards KC with D Fahey)

Buck v BGC Residential Pty Ltd (CIV1878/2024): home building delays and price increases (led by J C Giles SC and R Young SC)

McClure v Medibank Private Ltd [2025] FCA 167 and *McClure v Medibank Private Ltd* [2025] FCA 343: privilege in various third-party expert reports concerning data breach (led by W A Harris KC and leading E Nadon)

Luke v Aveo Group Ltd (No 3) [2023] FCA 1665: appearing on settlement approval with Court-appointed contradictor (unled against silk)

Haswell v Commonwealth (NSD431/2020) and *Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council v Commonwealth* (NSD70/2021): use of PFAS firefighting foams at RAAF bases (led by W A D Edwards KC with R J May, P Gaffney, and K Morris)

INQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS

Appearing in Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission inquiry under pt 8 of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* (NSW) (unled)

Various pro bono matters for advice and appearances

SELECTED ACADEMIC WORK

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

'Repairing the Compensatory Principle in Negligence: "Loss of Amenity" and the Justifiable Scope of Damages Liability' in Dr John Eldridge and Timothy Pilkington (eds), *Australian Tort Law in the 21st Century* (The Federation Press, 2024) 225 (with Dr David Winterton)

Current Issues in Competition Law: Practice and Perspectives (The Federation Press, 2021) (edited with Michael Gvozdenovic)

Current Issues in Competition Law: Context and Interpretation (The Federation Press, 2021) (edited with Michael Gvozdenovic)

'Competition Law at the Limit of Common Law and Statute' in Michael Gvozdenovic and Stephen Puttick (eds), *Current Issues in Competition Law: Context and Interpretation* (The Federation Press, 2021) 103

JOURNAL ARTICLES

'Recent Cases: *Hill v Zuda Pty Ltd* [2022] HCA 21' (2023) 98(1) *Australian Law Journal* 31

'Recent Cases: *ACCC v Quantum Housing Group Pty Ltd* (2021) 285 FCR 133' (2022) 96(6) *Australian Law Journal* 396

'Willpower Has No Voltage: Problems with Causation in Equitable Estoppel' (2022) 49(1) *University of Western Australia Law Review* 230 (with Hon Justice J K Ward FAAL)

'Book Review: *Statutory Interpretation in Private Law* (The Federation Press, 2019)' (2021) 95(3) *Australian Law Journal* 227

'Dimensions of Loss in Negligence: *Lee v Strelricks*' (2020) 26(3) *Torts Law Journal* 244

'Book Review: *The Law of Proprietary Estoppel* (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2020)' (2021) 137 (January) *Law Quarterly Review* 178

'Book Review: *The Coherence of Statutory Interpretation* (The Federation Press, 2019)' (2020) 94(8) *Australian Law Journal* 643

'Review Essay: On Property in Equity' (2020) 42(2) *Sydney Law Review* 241

'Book Review: *Form and Substance in the Law of Obligations* edited by Andrew Robertson and James Goudkamp (Hart Bloomsbury, 2019)' (2020) 136 (July) *Law Quarterly Review* 508

'Reconsidering Independent Advice: A Framework for Analysing Two-Party and Three-Party Cases' (2020) 43(1) *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 218 (with Dr Felicity Maher)

'Book Review: *Sir Owen Dixon's Legacy* edited (The Federation Press, 2019)' (2019) 45(3) *Monash University Law Review* 186

CONFERENCE PAPERS

'Causation in Equitable Estoppel' (Paper presented at Herbert Smith Freehills, Australian Academy of Law, and UWA Law School Causation Conference, 9 September 2022, Perth) (with Hon Justice J K Ward FAAL)

'The Thread of Promissory Estoppel' (Paper presented at Melbourne Law School Obligations Group Annual Conference, 5 December 2019, Melbourne)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS

Ross Parsons Centre of Commercial, Corporate, and Taxation Law Grant, 'Current Issues in Competition Law' (2021) (with Michael Gvozdenovic)

Law Society of Western Australia Public Purposes Trust Annual Grant, 'Understanding, Promoting, and Supporting Diversity in Legal Education and the Profession' (2019 – 2020) (with Professor Natalie Skead FAAL, Associate Professor Stella Tarrant, Dr Shane L Rogers, Melville Thomas, and Aidan Ricciardo)

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