



Sebastian Hanscomb

ADMISSIONS

2023	Admitted to practice by the New South Wales Bar Association Barrister
2019	Admitted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia Lawyer

EDUCATION

Master of Laws
University of Melbourne
August 2020 – January 2022

- Masters by coursework.
- High distinctions in ‘Commercial Applications of Equity’, ‘Remedies in Commercial Law’ and ‘Expert Evidence’.

Bachelor of Business /Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours)
Macquarie University
2013 – 2017

Prizes:

- Winner, Dean’s Awards for Outstanding Contributions to the Macquarie Law Community 2016 and 2017.
- Winner, Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence in Law 2017.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

7 Wentworth Selborne
(Barrister) May 2023 – present.

Beatty Hughes & Associates
(Solicitor) September 2021 – March 2023

- Environment & Planning, Administrative Law, Real Estate, Valuation



King & Wood Mallesons

(Graduate, then Solicitor) February 2019 – September 2021

- Environment & Planning, Real Estate (Government Projects), Construction

Supreme Court of NSW

(Tipstaff to Justice Lindsay) January 2018 – December 2018

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Casual Academic Staff, Macquarie University

2020 – Present

- Sessional marking in Contract, Evidence, Administrative and Succession Law.

Artillery Observer, Australian Army Reserve

2014 – 2016

- Gunner, 23 LT BTY, 4/3 RNSWR, based in Kogarah.

SELECTED CASES

COURT OF APPEAL

Petrou v Vassiliadis [2025] NSWCA 174 (led by Q Rares) – Civil procedure – Setting aside judgment obtained in the absence of Defendant

McGettigan v Estate of the Late Beverley Teresa McGettigan [2024] NSWCA 148 (led by J Brown) – Vexatious Proceedings Act application

Elite Realty Development Pty Ltd v Sadek [2023] NSWCA 165 (led by E Ball) – Contract – Duress – Partnership – Tracing

SUPREME COURT

Laing v Port Macquarie-Hastings Council & Ors [2025] NSWSC 1331 (led by R Lancaster SC) – Real Property – Public roads – Easements – Implied easements

Burgess v Benakis [2024] NSWSC 1436 (led by J Adamopoulos) – Real Property – Encroachment – Nuisance

Icon Si (Aust) Pty Ltd v Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation [2024] NSWSC 324 (led by J Giles SC) – Civil procedure – Stay pending arbitration

Ryan v UPG 322 Pty Ltd (No 2) [2023] NSWSC 1629 (led by G Sirtes SC) – Enforcement –



Examination orders

H&M Constructions (NSW) Pty Ltd v Golden Rain Development Pty Ltd (No 4) [2023] NSWSC 925 (led by N Simpson SC) – Building & Construction – Superintendent’s certificates – Security – Prevention principle – Estoppel

Mulder v Laura Holdings Pty Ltd (2023) 21 BPR 44389; [2023] NSWSC 812 (led by B Le Plastrier) – Real Property – Easements – Application under section 88K

Re; Linmas Holdings Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 791 (led by M Sheldon) – Statutory demands – Application to set aside

FEDERAL COURT

EV20 Consulting Group Pty Ltd v Paperless Warehousing Pty Ltd (No 3) [2025] FCA 1348 (led by J Giles SC) – Costs – Third party costs orders

LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT

McDonald v Simmons & Yacobi [2026] NSWLEC 63 (led by A Stafford) – Class 4 – Judicial Review

APKC v Bayside Council & Anor [2026] NSWLEC 1227 (led by A Galasso SC, unled on joinder [2025] NSWLEC 1632) – Class 1 – Development Appeal – 4.55(1A) modification of condition only

Beattie v Lake Macquarie City Council [2026] NSWLEC 1131 (unled) – Class 1 – Development Appeal

LFD Homes Pty Ltd v The Council of the City of Sydney [2025] NSWLEC 145 (led by J Lazarus SC) – Class 1 – Section 56A appeal

CWO Pty Ltd v Muswellbrook Shire Council (No 2) [2024] NSWLEC 115 (led by A Stafford) – Class 1 – Costs

GPT Funds Management Limited v North Sydney Council [2024] NSWLEC 1498 (led by A Galasso SC) – Class 1 – Development appeal

Contara Pty Ltd v Sydney Metro; Alogdellis v Sydney Metro [2024] NSWLEC 38 (led by A Stafford) – Class 3 – Compulsory acquisition – Subpoenas & Notices to Produce

Mallios v Nicholls [2025] NSWLEC 1553 (unled) – Class 2 – Trees Act application



Kacarovski v Stewart [2024] NSWLEC 1725 (unled) – Class 2 – Trees Act application

TRIBUNALS

Koo v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue [2025] NSWCATAD 252 (unled) – Revenue – Stamp duty – Surcharge purchaser duty – Penalties and interest

Griffiths v The Owners – SP 11097 [2025] NSWCATCD 125 (unled) – Environment and planning – Dividing fences

Hussein v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue [2025] NSWCATAD 202 (unled) – Revenue – Land tax – PPR Exemption

Kheireddine v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue [2025] NSWCATAD 31 (unled) – Revenue – Stamp duty – First Home Buyers' Assistance Scheme

Take Two Seven Pty Ltd v Hewson Properties Pty Ltd [2025] NSWCATAP 1 (unled) – Appeal – Retail Leases Act

Feng v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue [2024] NSWCATAD 155 (unled) – Revenue – Stamp duty – Surcharge purchaser duty