



David Pittavino

ADMISSIONS

2025	New South Wales Bar
2023	Solicitor and Barrister, Supreme Court of South Australia
2023	Lawyer, Supreme Court of New South Wales

EDUCATION

2020-2021	University of Sydney Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) Ranked 6 th in Graduating Cohort Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance University of Sydney Honour Roll Walter Reid Memorial Prize I
2015-2019	University of Sydney Bachelor of Arts (Hons I) University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize Dipak and Shanta Hor Prize Douglas Kelly Australian Essay Competition Runner-Up Roderick West Prize for Latin Max Le Petit Memorial Prize for Classical Greek University of Sydney Honours Scholarship University of Sydney Honour Roll

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024-Present	University of Technology Sydney Casual Academic & Examiner, Faculty of Law (Administrative Law, Equity & Trusts, Real Property)
2024-Present	Thomson Reuters Law Reporter & Subtitle Editor (Australian Capital Territory Law Reports, South Australian



State Reports, Industrial Reports, The Laws of Australia
Subtitle 35.8 – Undue Influence)

2023-Present

LexisNexis Butterworths

Editor

(Butterworths Property Reports)

2025

University of Sydney

Casual Academic & Examiner, Sydney Law School

(Foundations of Law)

2022-2023, 2025

Supreme Court of New South Wales

Tipstaff

(The Honourable Justice Rowan Darke, The Honourable Justice Richard White, The Honourable Justice Elisabeth Peden)

2024

Supreme Court of South Australia

Associate

(The Honourable Chief Justice Chris Kourakis)

SELECTED CASES

Commercial & Corporate

- ***Williams v Albarran* [2026] FCA (reserved)** | Application for variation of costs order pursuant to rules 39.05(c) and/or 40.02 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth) | Unled
- ***Green Gold Energy Pty Ltd (ACN 618 000 874) v Alchemy Australia Group Pty Ltd (ACN 642 059 050)* (Supreme Court of South Australia, Michaels AsJ, 15 July 2026, unreported)** | Applications for further and better discovery and further production of documents | Led by IR Thomas
- ***Williams v Albarran (Interlocutory Relief)* [2026] FCA 680** | Application for interlocutory injunction restraining exercise of mortgagee's rights under facility agreements and for appointment of receivers | Led by B Le Plastrier



- ***Birch v Bunbury* [2025] NSWCA 244** | Appeal against assessment of damages for statutory unconscionable conduct and breach of fiduciary duty | Led by AP Cheshire SC
- ***Krejci (liquidator) v Panella, in the matter of Richmond Lifts Pty Ltd (in liq) (No 4)* [2025] FCA 1209** | Application for orders with respect to property seized during execution of search orders | Unled

Construction

- ***Karime & Anor v Glaze Developers Pty Ltd (ACN 649 565 186)* (Civil and Administrative Tribunal of New South Wales, JA Rose, Senior Member, 12 August 2026, reserved)** | Application for orders under section 48O(1)(a) and/or (c) of the *Home Building Act 1989* (NSW) to redress claimed major defects | Unled

Environment and Planning

- ***Strathfield Municipal Council v Malass* [2026] NSWLEC 75** | Application under rule 31.8 of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005* (NSW) for leave to use evidence adduced at an earlier hearing in a subsequent hearing for contempt of court | Led by PW Larkin SC
- ***Strathfield Municipal Council v Malass* [2026] NSWLEC 66** | Application for inspection of land pursuant to rule 23.8 of the *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules 2005* (NSW) | Led by PW Larkin SC

Real Property

- ***Bremner v French (No 6)* [2026] NSWSC 826** | Application by statutory trustees for increased remuneration | Unled
- ***VHCF Diplomat OpCo Pty Ltd ACN 693 786 935 atf the VHCF Diplomat Operating Trust ABN 21 941 085 508 v Bayswater OpCo Pty Ltd (Recs & Mgrs Apptd) (Admins Apptd) ACN 673 620 203* [2026] NSWSC 444** | Application for compensation under section 232 of the Australian Consumer Law and for orders under section 55(2A) of the *Conveyancing Act 1919* (NSW) | Led by F Assaf SC and A Berriman
- ***Xu v Chen* [2025] NSWSC 1262** | Application for leave pursuant to section 74O of the *Real Property Act 1900* (NSW) to lodge a fresh caveat | Unled



Trade Practices & Consumer Law

- ***Hardie & Anor v BBS Interiors (Aust) Pty Ltd (ACN 087 966 587) & Ors*** (District Court of New South Wales, E Olsson SC DCJ, 1-3 June, reserved) | Application for compensation for breach of contract, for restitution as upon a quantum meruit or quantum valebant, and for compensation for misleading or deceptive conduct | Unled
- ***Stewart v Masterpiece Caravans Pty Ltd & Anor*** [2026] NSWCATAP 113 | Appeal against refusal to order refund under section 259 of the Australian Consumer Law | Unled

PUBLICATIONS

- Xavier P Walsh & David A Pittavino, *Bradbrook & Neave's Easements & Restrictive Covenants* (LexisNexis Butterworths, 4th ed, 2027) (forthcoming)
- Westlaw AU, *The Laws of Australia* (online) 35 Unfair Dealing, '35.8 Undue Influence' (Update 399)
- David A Pittavino & Xavier P Walsh, 'Civil Forfeitures of Criminal Assets and the Simultaneous Convictions Dilemma' (2025) 47(4) *Criminal Law Journal* 490
- David A Pittavino & Xavier P Walsh, 'donationes mortis causa of Real Property: Missed Opportunities and Foreclosed Possibilities' (2024) 17(3) *Journal of Equity* 268
- David A Pittavino & Xavier P Walsh, 'Pacta Sunt Servanda: The Enforcement of Bargains and the Limitation of Actions' (2023) 1(2) *Contract and Commercial Law Review* 120
- Nicole Graham & David A Pittavino, 'Bauxite and Boundaries: 50 Years since *Milirrpum v Nabalco Pty Ltd* (1971) 17 FLR 141' (2021) 29(3) *Australian Property Law Journal* 335
- David A Pittavino, 'Carmina tum melius ... canemus: Further Evidence for and Implications of an 'Iliadic' Bianor in Vergil's *Eclogue* 9' (2021) 74(3) *Mnemosyne* 512
- David A Pittavino, 'οὐ τῷ δήμῳ, ἀλλὰ τοῖς ἀρίστοις: The Democratisation of History in Herodotus and Thucydides' (2019) 45(1) *Classicum* 13