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I practice in the areas of class actions, insurance law, equity and the law of corporations (oppression, derivative actions, etc). I act for insurers and insureds in relation to indemnity disputes and class action litigation (including third party claims). I am regularly briefed to advise litigation funders in Australia and overseas about potential investments in the Australian class action market.

Prior to being called to the bar, I was an employed solicitor at Phi Finney McDonald (class actions), a lawyer at Atanaskovic Hartnell and Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Ball of the New South Wales Supreme Court. Prior to the law, I worked in insurance for Lloyds of London, Syndicate 2468 (Marketform)

I have been briefed, or am currently briefed, in the following class actions:

- **AMP Class Action** - *Stack & Ors v AMP Financial Planning Pty Limited* - class actions, financial services - led by M Hodge KC, T Bagley.
- **Arrium Class Action** - *Walton & Anor v Smedley & Ors* (Supreme Court of Victoria) - class actions, securities law - led by C Withers SC, P Holmes. Instructed by Banton Group.
- **Boolaroo Class Action** - *Andia v Greencapital Aust & Anor* (Federal Court) - class actions, property damage - led by D Priestley SC. Instructed by Mayweathers.
- **Count Class Action** - *R&N Hunter v Count Financial* - class actions, financial services, financial advice, fiduciary duties - led by C Withers SC, T Bagley. Instructed by Piper Alderman.
- **Dick Smith - Findlay; Mastoris v DSHE Holdings Pty Ltd** - class actions, securities law - led by C Button QC (as her Honour then was), S Fitzpatrick SC.
- **Fleetpartners Group Class Action** - *Gawler v Fleetpartners* (Supreme Court of Victoria) - class actions, continuous disclosure - led by M Szydzik SC, T Bagley. Instructed by Phi Finney McDonald.
- **IG Markets Class Action** - *Slater v IG Markets Limited* (Federal Court) - class actions, contracts for difference, financial products - led by T Bagley. Instructed by Piper Alderman.
- **Queensland Energy** - *Stillwater Pastoral Co Ltd v Stanwell & Anor* - competition law, class actions, s 46. Instructed by Piper Alderman.
- **Spring Farm Class Action** - *Moussa v Camden Council & Anor* - (NSW Supreme Court), class actions, property damage- led by D Priestley SC. Instructed by Mayweathers.
- **Victopia Class Action** - *Koper v Zurich Insurance & Ors* - class actions, property damage, third party insurance claim - led by P Braham SC. Instructed by Piper Alderman.
- **Whitehaven Coal** - *Les & Zelda Investments v Whitehaven Coal* - class actions, contract, corporations law - led by R Foreman SC.

I am also briefed in a number of contract, oppression, general equity, trust and trade credit matters (against IAL and Tokio Marine relating to their failure to indemnify insureds for various trade credit losses).

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