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Introduction

Nicole was called to the New South Wales Bar in 2021 and accepts briefs in all areas of law.

Nicole specialises in matters relating to commercial disputes, regulatory proceedings and administrative law. She quickly establishes relationships of trust and confidence with clients, largely as a result of her responsiveness to clients and technical legal excellence. Nicole is known by clients to provide exceptional legal services and is praised for being practical and easy to deal with. She listens intently to client needs and responds with innovative, commercial strategies which align with their business needs.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Nicole was a Senior Associate in the Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution team at Sparke Helmore. In this role, she had regular conduct of complex commercial litigation and dispute matters (including corporations law proceedings, competition and consumer law claims and regulatory actions), and worked across a number of Sparke Helmore's practice groups (including property, government, workplace, corporate and tax).

Nicole was also previously a solicitor in the Sydney Litigation & Regulatory (Government) team at DLA Piper. She has experience in providing specialised legal advice in the areas of administrative law, immigration and refugee law.

In 2017, Nicole was a winner of the *Lawyers Weekly* 30 Under 30 awards in the Government category and in 2020, Nicole was a finalist of the *Lawyers Weekly* 30 Under 30 awards in the Dispute Resolution and Litigation category.

Nicole holds a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney and was the recipient of the Judge Samuel Redshaw Prize for Administrative Law in 2023.

Admissions

2021	Barrister at the New South Wales Bar
2014	Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia

Main practice areas

- Administrative Law
- Appellate
- Banking & Finance
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency
- Building & Construction
- Competition Law & Trade Practices
- Consumer Protection
- Contracts & Commercial Transactions
- Corporations Law
- Equity
- Property
- Regulatory Crime
- Strata & Community Title
- Wills, Probate & Family Provision

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Awards and Professional Recognition

2023	Judge Samuel Redshaw Prize for Administrative Law
2020	Finalist of the *Lawyers Weekly* 30 Under 30 Awards – Dispute Resolution and Litigation Category
2017	Winner of the *Lawyers Weekly* 30 Under 30 Awards – Government Category

Career History

2017 - 2021	Sparke Helmore – *Senior Associate, Commercial Litigation*
2014 - 2017	DLA Piper – *Solicitor, Administrative Law and Government Litigation*
2012 - 2013	DLA Piper – *Summer Clerk, Corporate / Government Litigation*

Education

2019 - 2025	University of Sydney, *Master of Laws (LLM)*
2013	University of Cambridge, *Advanced Obligations and Remedies course*
2009 - 2013	University of Sydney, *Combined Bachelor of Laws (LLB) / Bachelor of Commerce (Economics)*
2003 - 2008	Pymble Ladies' College

Selected Cases

Commercial

- ***Maroon v Wengel (Trustee), in the matter of Maroon (Bankrupt) (Trial Judgment)* [2026] FCA 1129** – led by B Koch, for the trustee and creditor
- ***Fang v Yang* [2026] NSWSC 135** – unled, for the first defendant
- ***Lifestyle Holdings Australia & New Zealand Pty Ltd v Wu* – Federal Court of Australia Proceedings No. VID673/2022** (ongoing) – led by AR Zahra SC, for the first defendant
- ***Frank Gerard Normoyle & Anor v Christopher Cole & Ors* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2024/434890** (ongoing) – led by AR Zahra SC, for the eighth and ninth defendants
- ***Xin Fei & Anor v David Fei* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2024/258030** (settled) – led by AR Zahra SC, for the defendant
- ***Andrews & Andrews Construction Pty Ltd v Yao* [2025] NSWSC 322** – led by AR Zahra SC and JR Anderson, for the plaintiff
- ***Leah Da Gloria Pty Ltd (ACN 602 040 844) v Adrian Michael Cosworth & Ors* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2023/453819** (settled, as between plaintiff and second and third defendants) – unled, for the second and third defendants
- ***Mark Francis Porter v Vajra Holdings Pty Ltd & Anor* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2023/294560** (settled) – led by J Hynes, for the second defendant
- ***In the matter of TAG Group Holdings Pty Ltd* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2023/255776** (settled) – led by M Painter SC and D Cook SC, for the sixth defendant
- ***In the matter of Balamara Resources Ltd* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2023/250149** (settled) – led by J Hynes, for the fourth and fifth defendants
- ***Brett Raymond Gooley as Executor of the estate of the late Melville William Gooley v Eddy Moussa and Ors, trading as PricewaterhouseCoopers* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2022/259259** (ongoing) – led by M Painter SC, for the second and sixth cross-defendants

- ***Frances O'Connor v Claire Kelly and Kieran O'Connor* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2022/176352** (settled) – unled, for the plaintiff
- ***Ligon 159 (in liq) v Sherwood* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2022/143150** (settled) – led by J Hynes and B Koch, for the defendant
- ***Ma v Xiang & Ors* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2021/44470** (settled) – led by AR Zahra SC, for the plaintiff
- ***The Owners – Strata Plan No. 87060 v Loulach Developments Pty Ltd & Anor* – Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2019/198332** (settled, as between cross-claimants and first cross-defendant) – led by M Sheldon, for the first cross-defendant
- ***National Australia Bank Limited v Australian Securities and Investments Commission, in the matter of Mackies Industries Australasia Pty Limited (receivers and managers appointed) (deregistered)* [2022] FCA 147** – led by J Hynes, for the plaintiff
- ***Zahid Mahmood v Abdul Wahid and Sons Pty Ltd & Anor; Abdul Wahid and Sons Pty Ltd & Anor v Mohammad Arif Rana & Ors* – Federal Court Proceedings No. SAD122/2020 and SAD103/2021** (settled) – led by AR Zahra SC and JR Anderson, for the defendants
- ***Mark Meyer v Bell Partners Accountants Advisors Auditors Pty Ltd* – District Court of NSW Proceedings No. 2022/277838** (settled) – led by M Painter SC, for the defendant
- ***Mintin International Pty Ltd v Domino's Pizza Enterprises Limited* – FCFCOA Proceedings No. SYG1923/2024** (discontinued by the applicant) – unled, for the respondent
- ***Lee v Elford* [2024] NSWLEC 1103** – unled, for the respondents
- ***Miroslav Knezevic v Sydney Boutique Builders Pty Ltd* – NCAT Proceedings No. 2023/00368432** (settled) – unled, for the respondent

Regulatory

- ***Grant Barnes, Chief Regulatory Officer, Natural Resources Access Regulator v Barlow* – Land and Environment Court Proceedings No. 2019/381767 – 2019/381779, 2019/381717 – 2019/381729** (charges withdrawn by the prosecutor following successful application under s 138 of the Evidence Act) – led by M Elliott SC and G Lewer, for the defendants
- **Appearing for witnesses in confidential ICAC investigation** – unled

Administrative Law

- ***Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs v XJLR & Anor* – High Court special leave application S26/2022** (discontinued by the Minister) – led by JT Gleeson SC and T Bagley, for the respondent
- ***XJLR v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* (2022) 289 FCR 256; [2022] FCAFC 6** – led by T Bagley, for the appellant
- ***AQP23 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FCA 1521** – unled, for the Minister
- ***VZSJ v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2026] FCA 1280** – unled, for the Minister
- ***FPL18 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FCA 1188** – unled, for the Minister
- ***AQX20 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FCA 1159** – unled, for the Minister
- ***MBV25 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FCA 360** – led by H P T Bevan SC, for the Minister
- ***Nolutshungu v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2025] FCA 1491** – unled, for the Minister
- ***Mukhtar v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2025] FCA 1077** – unled, for the Minister
- ***EOL17 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2025] FCA 921** – unled, for the Minister
- ***Nolutshungu v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] FCA 684** – unled, for the Minister

- ***Lucas v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FCA 1653** – unled, for the Minister
- ***FIV17 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FCA 158** – unled, for the Minister
- ***DWT16 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2022] FCA 889** – unled, for the Minister
- ***CAP21 v Administrative Appeals Tribunal* (2022) 178 ALD 396; [2022] FCA 729** – led by D Forrester, for the applicant
- ***Le v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FedCFamC2G 1864** – unled, for the Minister
- ***JPJ25 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FedCFamC2G 1814** – unled, for the Minister
- ***CLJ22 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FedCFamC2G 1574** – unled, for the Minister
- ***Bala v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (No 2)* [2026] FedCFamC2G 1222** – unled, for the Minister
- ***ITL25 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FedCFamC2G 1220** – unled, for the Minister
- ***Nguyen v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2026] FedCFamC2G 1109** – unled, for the Minister
- ***CPE21 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FedCFamC2G 1038** – unled, for the Minister
- ***FRB17 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FedCFamC2G 767** – unled, for the Minister
- ***ACM20 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FedCFamC2G 598** – unled, for the Minister
- ***El Hamwi v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2026] FedCFamC2G 55** – unled, for the Minister
- ***ADP19 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (No 2)* [2025] FedCFamC2G 2021** – unled, for the Minister
- ***Khalid v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2025] FedCFamC2G 2000** – unled, for the Minister
- ***K&S Food Services Pty Ltd v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2025] FedCFamC2G 1700** – unled, for the Minister
- ***GHM18 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2025] FedCFamC2G 1666** – unled, for the Minister
- ***ARH23 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2025] FedCFamC2G 1513** – unled, for the Minister
- ***Asamoah v Minister of Immigration and Citizenship* [2025] FedCFamC2G 1287** – unled, for the Minister
- ***BWD19 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2025] FedCFamC2G 848** – unled, for the Minister
- ***FSE17 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2025] FedCFamC2G 172** – unled, for the Minister
- ***GIO18 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2025] FedCFamC2G 93** – unled, for the Minister
- ***CNI20 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] FedCFamC2G 1219** – unled, for the applicant
- ***AOA19 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] FedCFamC2G 965** – unled, for the Minister
- ***EUV17 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2024] FedCFamC2G 822** – unled, for the Minister
- ***Senepa v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FedCFamC2G 1236** – unled, for the Minister
- ***BAA23 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FedCFamC2G 1162** – unled, for the Minister
- ***Taha v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FedCFamC2G 789** – unled, for the Minister
- ***EMD17 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FedCFamC2G 369** – unled, for the Minister
- ***AGF18 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FedCFamC2G 169** – unled, for the Minister

- ***BXS20 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2022] FedCFamC2G 515** – unled, for the Minister (affirmed on appeal: (2023) 296 FCR 63; [2023] FCAFC 20)
- ***Judith Patricia Pearson v State of New South Wales & Anor* – Land and Environment Court Proceedings No. 2025/204559** (settled) – led by D Forrester, with B Smith, A Hall and A Khadra, for the applicant
- ***Pearson v State of New South Wales* [2025] NSWLEC 134** – led by D Forrester, for the applicant
- ***Morris and National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIS)* [2024] ARTA 186** – unled, for the respondent
- ***Khilendra Timsina v Migration Agents Registration Authority* – AAT 2020/3928** (settled) – unled, for the respondent