



## Sefton Powrie

T +61 2 8915 2155

E [powrie@selbornechambers.com.au](mailto:powrie@selbornechambers.com.au)

Ninth Floor Selborne Chambers  
174 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
[www.9selborne.com.au](http://www.9selborne.com.au)

## Admissions

- 2024: Barrister, New South Wales Bar
- 2018: Solicitor, Supreme Court of Victoria
- 2014: Barrister & Solicitor, High Court of New Zealand

## Education

- 2025: Master of Laws, University of Melbourne (First Class Honours)
- 2014: Bachelor of Laws, University of Canterbury
- 2014: Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and English), University of Canterbury
- 2013: Law Exchange, University of Nottingham (UK)

## Professional Experience

- 2020 - 2024: Senior Lawyer, Gilbert + Tobin
- 2018 - 2020: Associate, Baker McKenzie
- 2015 - 2018: Associate, Grove Darlow & Partners (New Zealand)

## Principal Areas of Practice

- |                                |                                       |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Administrative Law           | • Contracts & Commercial Transactions |
| • Banking & Financial Services | • Corporations & Securities           |
| • Bankruptcy & Insolvency      | • Equity                              |
| • Class Actions                | • Insurance & Professional Indemnity  |
| • Competition & Consumer Law   | • Real Property                       |
|                                | • Trusts                              |

## Selected Cases (as counsel)

- *Credit Suisse Virtuoso SICAV-SIF Credit Suisse (Lux) Supply Chain Finance Fund v Insurance Australia Ltd & Ors* - FCA NSD106/2022, NSD110/2022, NSD169/2023 - acting for Credit Suisse in proceedings against insurers and others to recover in excess of US \$2 billion following the collapse of supply chain financing firm Greensill Capital, led by M Jones SC, R Yezerski SC and others. Instructed by Gilbert + Tobin.
- *Black Label Developments Pty Ltd v McMenemy* [2025] NSWCA 114 – appeal regarding stay of execution of judgment obtained under s 25 of the *Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999* (NSW)

following adjudication. Also acting for construction company in substantive proceeding. Led by M Christie SC and B Le Plastrier. Instructed by Doyles Construction Lawyers.

- *Harrold v Exactech Australia Pty Ltd* [2025] FCA 1058 - third party application for costs incurred by Australian Orthopaedic Association in complying with subpoena issued by plaintiff in a class action proceeding, unled. Instructed by HWL Ebsworth.
- *Farrell Transport Pty Ltd & Anor v Valley Accounting & Taxation Services Pty Ltd & Ors*, NSWSC 2019/392125 (ongoing), claims against accounting firm and director for breach of contract, negligence, breach of fiduciary duties for allegedly engaging in a dishonest and fraudulent design to divert funds for personal benefit, vicarious liability of company, receipt of funds as a volunteer, led by L Gor. Instructed by Colin Biggers & Paisley.
- *Supabarn Supermarkets Pty Ltd v Eyre Kingston Pty Ltd & Anor*, NSWSC 2023/00207285 (ongoing), alleged breach of design coordination obligations in a construction contract for a major supermarket premises, led by B Le Plastrier. Instructed by Barry Nilsson.
- *NSWCC Pty Ltd & Anor v Commonwealth Bank of Australia*, NSWSC 2025/00173899 (ongoing), claims against Commonwealth Bank for breach of contract and breach of the Banking Code of Practice following de-banking, led by B Le Plastrier. Instructed by CH-Earnest.
- *Translawcom Pty Ltd trading as Brander Smith McKnight Lawyers v Oracle Insolvency Services* [2025] FedCFamC2G 531 – application to remove trustee of bankrupt estate under s 90-15, sch 2, *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth), led by J Hynes. Instructed by LK Law.
- *WHAU Pty Ltd & WHMH Services Pty Ltd v Specialized Cleaning Group Pty Ltd & Ors* – NSWDC proceeding 2025/00154951, claim by vendors alleging breaches of business sale contract and license agreement, unled (settled). Instructed by MinterEllison.
- *In the matter of Passportcard Australia Holdings Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1479 – application to rectify share register kept by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, led by B Koch. Instructed by Lander & Rogers.
- *Growthbuilt Pty Ltd v Huses Electrics Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1378 – application for summary dismissal of cross-claim, led by B Le Plastrier. Instructed by Gilbert + Tobin.
- *Gillings v The Owners – Strata Plan No. 66181*, NCAT 2024/00108282 (ongoing) - application under s 232(1) of the *Strata Schemes Management Act 2015* (NSW) for orders that the Respondent rectify damage to common property, led by D Knoll AM. Instructed by Gayle Meredith & Associates.
- *Gremalco Pty Ltd v Georgiou Group Pty Ltd* NSWSC 2024/30303 – alleged breaches of a construction contract and associated claims for delay, led by B Le Plastrier (settled). Instructed by Mills Oakley.
- *Industrial Trucks and Machinery Direct Pty Ltd v Foton Mobility Distribution Pty Ltd* NSWSC 2023/287050 – alleged breach of agency agreement by electric vehicle supplier, led by B Koch (settled). Instructed by DPR Legal.

## Selected Cases (as solicitor)

---

- *R&B Investments atf R&B Pension Fund & Anor v Blue Sky Alternative Investments Ltd (Receivers and Managers Appointed) (In Liquidation) & Ors* - FCA (ongoing) - class action regarding alleged continuous disclosure breaches, breaches of directors' duties and misleading and deceptive conduct.

- *Re A S P Aluminium Holdings Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 183 - shareholder oppression and breaches of directors duties and fiduciary duties. Obtained leave to bring a derivative action against directors.
- *Re Timor Sea Oil & Gas Australia Pty Ltd (in liq); Castleton Commodities Merchant Asia Pte Co Ltd v Commonwealth of Australia & Ors* - NSWSC - claim brought by a secured creditor to recover the Northern Endeavour floating production storage and offloading ship disclaimed by the liquidators of an insolvent oil and gas company.
- *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Medibank Private Limited trading as ahm Health Insurance* [2020] FCA 1030 - Medibank ordered to pay \$5 million for making false representations to members about the benefits offered by their ahm health insurance policies.
- *Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v STA Travel Pty Ltd* [2020] FCA 723 - STA Travel Pty Ltd ordered to pay \$14 million for making misleading claims when advertising its MultiFLEX Pass product.
- *Omar Property Pty Ltd & Ors v Amcor Flexibles (Port Melbourne) Pty Ltd (No 4)* [2020] VSC 216 - termination of a lease of an industrial premises by a landlord following modifications to the building by the tenant.