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Admissions and Qualifications

- 2026 Barrister, New South Wales Bar
- 2017 Admitted to the High Court of Australia
- 2015 Admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2015 Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice, University of Technology Sydney
- 2015 Juris Doctor, University of Technology Sydney

Principal Areas of Practice

- Building & Construction
- Strata Liability
- Environmental Liability
- Insurance Policy Interpretation and Advice
- Coverage Disputes
- Commercial Disputes

Professional Experience

- 2026 - Present Barrister, Ninth Floor Selborne Chambers
- 2024 - 2026 Senior Associate, Meridian Lawyers
- 2020 - 2024 Senior Associate (Jan – Oct 2024), Associate (2020-2023), Wotton Kearney
- 2019 - 2020 Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills
- 2016 - 2019 Solicitor, Wotton Kearney (Associate from Jul 2018)

Selected Cases Prior to Call to the Bar

- Defending an award-winning architectural firm in relation to claims made by three Owners' Corporations arising from the specification and use of allegedly non-compliant cladding across three landmark residential towers in Sydney (ongoing, >\$80 million in total alleged liability across all defendants), instructed directly.
- Prosecuting a dual insurance claim for contribution in equity in relation to a major pollution incident involving the release and clean-up of toxic-firefighting foam at an Australian airport (ongoing), instructed by local and US based insurers.
- Defending an occupier in respect of a number of claims made by other building occupants and a landlord following a restaurant fire in Surry Hills (ongoing), instructed by a local insurer.
- Defending a certifier in relation to claims made by two Owners' Corporations in respect of alleged defects arising from the effective height of two multi-storey buildings (two matters, both settled, each matter exceeded \$6 million in total alleged liability of all defendants), instructed by a London based insurance syndicate.
- Defending a structural engineer in connection with cracks found in the basement slabs of a residential building (alleged liability approximately \$5 million, settled), instructed by an Australian insurer.

- Defending directors and shareholders of a technology startup in connection with allegations of shareholder oppression and improper appointment of administrators (succeeded at trial: <https://www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au/decision/5dc49888e4b0ab0bf6073b40>), instructed by an Australian insurer.
- Defending a structural engineer in connection with the certification of the excavation stage of a proposed building which collapsed and caused property damage to adjacent houses and infrastructure (settled), instructed by a London based insurance syndicate.
- Defending a Victorian Local Council following allegations by a private citizen in respect of negligence in town planning and bushfire land classifications (claimant abandoned claim), instructed by a US owned discretionary mutual fund.
- Defending a rural property valuer following claims of negligence by a secured party over a two-week trial in Perth (>\$10 million alleged loss, settled on Courthouse steps following final submissions), instructed by a London based insurance syndicate.
- Defending an acoustical engineer following claims of negligence in respect of advice provided in the planning and construction of a seniors' living facility (plaintiff went into administration), instructed by an Australian insurer.
- Defending an architect in respect of advice provided in connection with the insulation system of a high school facility following the discovery of mould (settled), instructed by an Australian agent of a London based insurer.
- Providing advice to an international insurer in respect of claims made against a policyholder following a major asbestos contamination incident (>\$12 million loss), also defending discrete claims made against the policyholder.
- Generally, provision of numerous coverage, liability, quantum, reserve, and strategy advices to local and international insurers (usual policy/layer limit of \$20 million).
- Generally, directly and indirectly acting in defence of numerous claims made against Owners Corporations by lot owners in respect of compensation for property damage (principally in NCAT, one in the District Court of New South Wales).

Other relevant experience

- 2017 - 2024 Justice Connect Federal Court Self Representation Service (Volunteer Lawyer)
Provided pro bono advice to numerous clients in respect of:
 - Bankruptcy proceedings (actual or threatened)
 - Fair Work proceedings, and employment entitlements and obligations generally
 - Solely prepared and settled pleadings and evidence in a fair work matter which contributed to the client being successful at trial with costs
- 2023 Drafted fact sheets for Justice Connect (see above) on matters of:
 - Annulment of a bankruptcy
 - Challenging the conduct of a trustee in bankruptcy
- 2023 Co-authored the Wotton Kearney article "*Are CFDs ever a good idea for insurers (or investors)?*" (<https://www.wottonkearney.com.au/are-cfds-a-good-idea-for-insurers-or-investors>).
- 2022 Co-authored the Wotton Kearney article "*Cutting out internet intermediaries in multiple defendant defamation claims*" (<https://www.wottonkearney.com.au/cutting-out-internet-intermediaries-in-multiple-defendant-defamation-claims>).
- 2019 Contributed articles to the Herbert Smith Freehills 2019 Policyholder Insurance Highlights (<https://www.herbertsmithfreehills.com/insights/2020-02/policyholder-insurance-highlights-2019>).