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Education

Admitted as a Lawyer, Supreme Court of New South Wales	2011
Called to the Bar, New South Wales and High Court	2015
Called to the Bar, England and Wales	2017
Accredited Mediator, AMDRAS	2025

Core Practice Areas

- Criminal Law (Commonwealth, Appellate and State)
- Administrative and Public Law
- Commissions and Inquiries
- Defamation, Communications and Media
- Employment, Discrimination and Workplace Law

Qualifications

Master of Laws (Distinction) (1st in course), King's College London — 2014
Specialisation in Intellectual Property and Information Law

Graduate Certificate in Commercial Law, Deakin University — 2013
Dean's Merit List

Master of Laws, Australian National University — 2012

Bachelor of Laws (Hons I), University of Sydney — 2011

Bachelor of Arts (Government), University of Sydney — 2010

Publications

The Modern Contract of Employment (3rd edition) (Thomson Westlaw), with I Neil SC and D Chin SC.

Contributor, *Tolleys Employment Handbook* (UK) (LexisNexis), chapters on Contract of Employment and Foreign Employees (2019-present)

Contributor, *Australian Torts Reporter* (CCH), chapter on Defamation (2016-2022)

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

Past experience

Casual academic, University of Sydney/UNSW/UTS 2011-2024
Subjects taught: Defamation and Privacy; Privacy, Publicity and the Media; Evidence; Torts; and Civil and Criminal Procedure

Associate to Chief Justice Allsop, Federal Court of Australia 2015

Judge's Associate, Federal Court of Australia (Flick J, Farrell J) 2012, 2014

Tipstaff to Justice Pembroke, Supreme Court of New South Wales 2011

Law Graduate, Maurice Blackburn 2011

Political Adviser, various State and Federal Members of Parliament 2007-2010

Selected Cases

Criminal Law (Commonwealth, Appellate and State)

Macdonald v The King, appeal against conviction for conspiracy to commit misconduct in public office to the High Court, leading J Lang for the Appellant (unled in the Court of Criminal Appeal below).

Rex v Batak, prosecution for murder, unled for the accused (ongoing).

The King v Batak [2025] HCA 18, appeal against conviction for murder, led by G Bashir and leading J Murphy for the respondent.

Dimitriou v The King [2025] NSWCCA 18, appeal against conviction for fraud, unled for the appellant.

R v Hossain [2023] NSWSC 1621, sentence for murder, led by P Boulten SC for the offender.

Rex v Bigatton, prosecution for contraventions of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) in the District Court, unled for the accused. Multiple judgments and an interlocutory appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal.

Operation Ironside committal, examinations under section 82 of the *Criminal Procedure Act 1986* concerning whether AFP Operation Ironside involved contraventions of the *Telecommunications (Intercept and Access) Act 1979* (Cth), unled for multiple accused.

Ahmed Mohamed v The Queen [2022] VSCA 136, appeal against sentence for terrorism offences, led by D Dann QC for the appellant.

R v Lazar (2021), 9 week trial (special hearing) concerning fraud and theft allegations arising out of a litigation funding agreement in the District Court, unled for the successful accused; costs awarded.

Constantinidis v The Queen; Lazar v The Queen [2022] NSWCCA 4, appeal against conviction for public justice offence in the Court of Criminal Appeal, led by G Bashir SC for the appellant, Ian Lazar; costs awarded: [2022] NSWCCA 248.

R v Lazar (2021), 9 week trial (special hearing) involving complex historical fraud and money laundering charges in the District Court, unled for the accused; costs awarded.

Sam Burgess v R [2021] NSWDC 165, appeal against conviction for an offence of intimidation, led by P Boulten SC for the appellant.

Booth v Khazaal [2020] FCA 1241; [2020] FCA 1528, application for terrorism control order in the Federal Court, leading J Elks for the respondent.

Commissioner of Police v Vella (2019), application for a serious crime prevention order in the Supreme Court, led by G Bashir SC for the respondent (settled).

Adams v R [2017] NSWCCA 215, appeal against conviction for murder, led by G James QC and P Lange for the appellant.

Danny Lim v R [2017] NSWDC 231, appeal against conviction for offensive conduct in a political context, led by P Lange for the appellant.

R v Adams (2016), prosecution for murder in the Supreme Court of NSW (judge-alone, Button J), led by P Lange for the accused.

Public and Administrative Law

Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs v Peralta Montes [2025] FCA 667, judicial review of a Tribunal decision, pro bono for the Respondent.

Kristo Langker v Department of Premier and Cabinet; Kristo Langker v NSW Police Force [2024] NSWCATAD 303, administrative review of decision to refuse access to documents under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2010* (NSW), leading S Yates for the Applicant.

Commissioner of Police v Walker [2023] NSWSC 539, judicial review of decision by Local Court to make orders relying upon its implied power, unled for the Respondent.

Peter Hiscock v Australian Research Council (2022), judicial review of decision by the Australian Research Council, unled for the Applicant (settled).

Secretary, Attorney-General's Department v O'Dwyer [2022] FCA 1183; 117 ALD 113; 318 IR 216, appeal on question of law from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, unled for the Appellant.

Libdy v Commissioner of Police [2020] NSWCATAD 276; [2021] NSWCATAD 122, merits review of decision to impose a firearms prohibition order (proceedings related to confidentiality of evidence/exhibits), unled for the applicant.

Solomon v Commissioner of Police [2021] NSWSC 236, judicial review of decision to impose a firearms prohibition order, unled for the applicant.

Attorney-General v Honourable Mark Dreyfus [2016] FCAFC 119; 242 FCR 472, appeal against a decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal regarding an application under the *Freedom of Information Act 1988* (Cth), led by M Dreyfus QC.

Commissions and Inquiries

Providing representation in compulsory examinations before the investigative bodies such as the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission.

Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (UK), led by A Sharland KC for Nottinghamshire County Council.

Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption, led by N Hutley SC for the Australian Labor Party (Victorian Branch).

Defamation, Communications and Media

Houda v Seraphim [2025] NSWCATAP 135, appeal against decision of NCAT to refuse confidentiality orders, unled for the Appellant.

Li v Liao [2025] NSWSC 168, pleadings dispute in defamation proceedings, unled for the Defendant.

Landrey v Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd [2024] FCAFC 76, appeal against decision to refuse to extend a limitation period in defamation proceedings, leading D Helvadjian for the Appellant.

Stolz v Registered Clubs Association of New South Wales (2022) (settled mid-trial), defamation and employment proceedings, leading A Duc for the Applicant.

John Barilaro v Jordan Shanks-Markovina & Anor (No 2) [2021] FCA 950 and *(No 3)* [2021] FCA 1100, application to strike out imputations on the ground that parliamentary privilege operated to prevent a justification defence and application for a trial by jury in the Federal Court of Australia, led by Dr M Collins QC for Mr Shanks-Markovina.

Murphy v Nationwide News Pty Ltd [2021] FCA 381, defamation proceedings against The Daily Telegraph, led by S Chrysanthou SC for the applicant.

Night Lawyer for *The Sun* (United Kingdom) (2019-2020), providing pre-publication advice on contempt, defamation and privacy.

Employment, Discrimination and Workplace Law

Toppo v P & J Harris & Sons (A Partnership) [2024] FCA 257, application for interim reinstatement pending resolution of application alleging contraventions of the general protections provisions of the *Fair Work Act*, unled for the Applicant

Sourlas v AMWU (settled), application alleging contraventions of the general protections provisions of the *Fair Work Act*, unled for the Applicant

Diawara v National Australia Bank Ltd (settled), application alleging race and sex discrimination – Federal Court of Australia, unled for the Applicant.

Jones v Hamilton Island Enterprises Limited [2024] FedCFamC2G 6, application alleging contraventions of a modern award, led by I Neil SC for the Respondent.

Target Australia Pty Ltd v Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association [2023] FCAFC 66, appeal concerning proper construction of enterprise agreement, led by D Chin SC for the successful appellant.

WorkPac Pty Ltd v Rossato and Ors [2021] HCA 23; 271 CLR 456, casual employee test case – High Court of Australia, led by B Walker SC, I Neil SC and D Chin SC for the successful appellant (also appeared as junior counsel in the Full Federal Court: ([2020] FCAFC 84))_.

Royal Mencap Society v Tomlinson-Blake [2021] UKSC 8; [2021] ICR 758; test case on UK national minimum wage – Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, led by Judy Stone for the Respondent.

Numerous unled multi-day tribunal hearings in the UK Employment Tribunal.