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*DPhil in Law - University of Oxford*

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### Admitted to the legal profession

2001

### Admitted as a barrister in NSW

2010

### Also entitled to practise in

Australian jurisdictions (Commonwealth, State and Territory), Fiji

Greg O'Mahoney practices nationally in all areas of commercial and public law, including appeals and inquiries. He regularly appears in the Federal Court of Australia, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and other courts and tribunals in Australia.

Greg's commercial practice includes corporate law, contractual disputes, insurance, aviation, maritime, banking and class actions. His public law practice includes regulatory litigation, corporate crime, taxation law, merits and judicial review, constitutional law and proceeds of crime litigation.

He has been recognised in:

- the *Australian Bar Legal 500* for Commercial Disputes, as well as Regulatory and White-Collar Crime;
- *Doyle's Guide* as a leading Transport Barrister and Tax Law Barrister.

Greg also appears widely in public inquiries across Australia, including corruption inquiries, Royal Commissions and coronial inquests. He has appeared in over twelve ICAC inquiries, including four as Counsel Assisting. He appeared for: Carnival/Princess Cruises in the Special Commission of Inquiry into the *Ruby Princess*; the NT Government in the Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children; and Airbus in the IGADF Inquiry into the crash of an MRH90 helicopter off Lindeman Island. He is a member of the NSW Bar Association's Inquests and Inquiries Committee.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Greg was Associate to the Hon Murray Gleeson A.C., Chief Justice of Australia, and worked as a solicitor in litigation and arbitration at Mallesons Stephen Jacques.

He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to study at the University of Oxford, where he graduated with a BCL (First Class Honours) and a DPhil in Law. During his BCL year, he was awarded the Ralph Chiles CBE Prize for Comparative Human Rights.

He is a graduate of the University of Sydney, where he was awarded First Class Honours in Law and Arts (English literature). During his time studying at Sydney University, he won the World Universities' Debating Championships in Glasgow.

Greg has taught corporations and contract law at Sydney University and Oxford University. He has established and taught a Masters course at Sydney University on the regulation of securities markets and white-collar crime.

At Sydney University, Greg won the University tennis championships and was captain of tennis across a number of years. He played in the Oxford University tennis team and was captain of the Magdalen College tennis team that won the Oxford University Cuppers Championships for the first time in 76 years.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010: Barrister, New South Wales Bar, Sydney.

2010 – 2023: Adjunct Lecturer, University of Sydney, teaching Masters course on the regulation of securities markets and white-collar crime.

2009 – 2014: Adjunct Lecturer, University of Sydney, teaching Corporations Law, Contracts and Advanced Corporations Law.

2005 – 2006: Associate to the Hon Murray Gleeson AC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia.

2000 – 2002: Commercial Litigation Solicitor, Mallesons Stephen Jacques.

## AWARDS OR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2022, 2023, 2024, 2025: [Australian Bar Legal 500](#): Leading Commercial Disputes junior counsel

2022, 2023, 2024, 2025: [Australian Bar Legal 500](#): Leading Regulatory and White-Collar Crime junior counsel

2023, 2024, 2025: [Doyles Guide](#): Leading Transport Law junior counsel

2021: [Doyles Guide](#): Recommended Tax junior counsel

2003: Ralph Chiles CBE Prize for Comparative Human Rights (University of Oxford)

2002: Rhodes Scholar for New South Wales

2001: Winner, World Universities Debating Championships (Glasgow)

## SELECTED CASES

### Commercial, Corporations and Insolvency

[Belvedere Pty Ltd v Idameneo Pty Ltd](#) (Supreme Court of NSW, judgment reserved) – appearing for defendant (one of Australia's largest IVF businesses) in proceedings concerning alleged breaches of contract. The proceedings arise from the termination of contracts following the receipt of numerous complaints against a doctor by patients and staff.

[North Ltd v Zentree Investments & Ors](#) (Federal Court, ongoing) – proceedings concerning the compulsory acquisition by Rio Tinto of minority shareholdings in a uranium mining company with interests in the Ranger mine.

[LK Law Pty Ltd v Karas](#) [2024] FCA 315; (No 3) [2023] FCA 1463 (judgment in final hearing reserved, led by A Sullivan KC) – appearing in proceedings arising from the breakdown of the partnership that founded the Lipman Karas law firm, involving alleged breach of fiduciary duty, insolvent trading, breach of shareholder agreements and misleading or deceptive conduct.

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[JMC v Airbus](#) (Federal Court, ongoing) – appearing for Airbus in proceedings concerning alleged breach of contract and misleading or deceptive conduct.

[McBeth & Ors v Coulson Aviation and NSW Rural Fire Service; Hudson v Coulson Aviation & Anor](#) (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) – appearing for aerial firefighting operator in proceedings arising from the fatal crash of a plane during aerial firefighting activities in the Blue Mountains during the 2020/2021 bushfire season.

[Rosemary Paget & Ors v Aurora Travel Pty Ltd](#) (Supreme Court of NSW, settled 2024) – appearing for tour operator/ship owner in proceedings brought by passengers who contracted COVID-19 on a cruise ship off the coast of Argentina (Consumer Law).

[PSC Reliance Pty Ltd v Steadfast Group Ltd](#) (Federal Court proceedings, settled 2024) – acting for defendants in proceedings following the termination of a longstanding insurance brokerage relationship (breach of contract, estoppel and misleading and deceptive conduct).

[Lorebray Pty Ltd v Liddy](#) [2024] NSWSC 1020; [2022] NSWSC 1633 – trust dispute concerning the character of funds paid out of trust property.

[Karpik v Carnival PLC & Anor](#) [2023] FCA 1280; [2022] FCA 1318; [2022] FCA 1232 – appearing for owners of “Ruby Princess” in Federal Court class action proceedings brought by passengers who contracted COVID-19, alleging breach of contract, breaches of Australian Consumer Law, misleading or deceptive conduct and negligence (led by D McLure SC).

[Agapetos v Armani](#) [2023] FedCFamC1F 1072 – appearing for corporate defendants in proceedings concerning whether the property of certain trusts (comprising substantial property assets) is able to be accessed by the plaintiff.

[Lorebray Pty Ltd v Liddy](#) [2024] NSWSC 1020; [2022] NSWSC 1633 – trust dispute concerning the character of funds paid out of trust property.

[Computertrans Group Pty Ltd \(in liq\) v Insurance Australia Ltd](#) – appearing in proceedings before the Federal Court and the Supreme Court of Victoria (insolvent trading, breach of contract and breaches of director's duties) (settled).

[Mehmet Cihan v Kadir Cihan](#) [2022] NSWSC 538 (led by D McLure SC) – appearing for trustee in dispute over trust with substantial commercial property assets, concerning validity of trust deeds, powers of trustee and nominator's power to replace trustee.

[Marlin Brands Australia v Brando Australia Holdco Pty Ltd](#) [2022] NSWCA 59; [Brando Aus Holdco Pty Ltd v Shayne](#) [2021] NSWSC 998 (led by D McLure SC) – appearing in proceedings concerning sale of business to private equity fund, involving alleged misleading or deceptive conduct, breach of directors' duties, breaches of Australian Consumer Law.

[Moss as liquidator of EO Projects \(in liq\) v Peter Guest & Anor](#) (Supreme Court of NSW) – appearing for former director in proceedings following the winding up of an electronics manufacturer, involving alleged breach of director's duties, insolvent trading, preferential payments (settled).

[In the matter of Empireal Ltd \(in liq\) \(Receivers and Managers Appointed\)](#) – appearing for Chairman, CEO and various officers of Empireal Ltd in proceedings before the Supreme Court of NSW (misleading/deceptive conduct and breach of directors' duties).

[Woodgate as special purpose liquidator of Hemisphere Technologies Pty Ltd \(in liq\) v McCallum and Tayeh](#) – appeared in complex Supreme Court proceedings concerning alleged breaches of liquidator's statutory duties (settled).

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[Anchorage Capital Master Offshore Ltd v Sparkes; Bank of Communications Co Ltd v Sparkes](#) [2021] NSWSC 1025; [2020] NSWSC 1684 (led by N Owens SC) – appeared for former Treasurer in proceedings following the \$3 billion collapse of the Arrium group, brought by a syndicate of lenders alleging insolvent trading, misleading or deceptive conduct and breach of duty.

[Veolia Environment SA v Suez Australia Holding Pty Ltd & Ors](#) [2021] FCA 344 (led by J Giles SC) – appearing for Cleanaway Pty Ltd and various company officers in proceedings following Veolia's acquisition of Suez globally, involving alleged breach of directors' duties, breach of contract, misleading or deceptive conduct.

[City Pacific Ltd \(in liq\) v CBRE & Anor](#) [2021] NSWSC 456 – appearing for former CBRE valuer in proceedings concerning the purchase of a marina on the Mornington Peninsula (breach of directors' duties, misleading or deceptive conduct, negligence).

[Snowy Mountains Resorts Pty Ltd ats Leonard George Markham and Charlotte Pass Snow Resort Pty Ltd](#) [2020] NSWSC 1180 – appearing for vendors in proceedings regarding sale of a ski resort (breach of contract and misleading or deceptive conduct).

[In the matter of ACN 607 358 887 \(formerly known as Carzapp Pty Ltd\)](#) [2020] NSWSC 144; [2019] NSWSC 1561 – appearing for defendant company directors in shareholder oppression case following the sale of a business involving applications for freezing orders and injunctive relief.

[In the matter of McCallum and Tayeh](#) – appearing for two liquidators in proceedings brought by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand before the [Disciplinary Tribunal of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand](#), 13 December 2019.

[Addenbrooke Pty Ltd v Duncan & Ors](#) [2015] FCA 793; [2014] FCA 625; [2013] FCA 820; [2013] FCA 573 (led by Francis Douglas KC) – appeared in proceedings concerning allegations of misleading or deceptive conduct in relation to a capital raising/placement of shares in a mining business.

[Colquhoun v Registrar-General \(NSW\)](#) [2013] NSWSC 730 – appearing for the Plaintiffs in an application under s 70 of the *Community Land Development Act 1989* (NSW) to terminate a community lands scheme with consequential orders.

#### Corporate Regulatory, Civil Penalty and Corporate Criminal Matters

[Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Finder Wallet Pty Ltd](#) [2025] FCAFC 93; [2024] FCA 228 (led by N Owens SC) – acting for leading Australian cryptocurrency business in proceedings, including the appeal before the Full Court of the Federal Court, concerning the regulation of cryptocurrency transactions and platforms under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

[XVYR & Ors v Australian Prudential Regulation Authority](#) (ongoing) – appearing for former Chair of an Australian Bank in proceedings under the *Financial Accountability Regime Act 2023* (Cth) concerning whether multiple former officers of a bank should be disqualified from being accountable persons.

[Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Memon \(No 4\)](#) [2025] NSWSC 967 – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings concerning proper construction of the forfeiture regime provided for in ss 92 and 92A of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth).

[Comcare \(May\) v Helicopter Resources](#) [2024] ACTCA 6; [2022] ACTCA 15; [2021] ACTSC 116; [2019] ACTMC 31; [2019] ACTMC 20 – appearing for Helicopter Resources in prosecution brought under Commonwealth workplace health and safety legislation concerning the death of a pilot 200 nautical miles west of Australia's Davis Station in Antarctica.

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[State v Fiji Airlines Limited & Ors](#) (ongoing) – appearing for Fiji Airlines in proceedings concerning allegations of corruption, bribery and criminal breaches of *Fiji's Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations*.

[Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Fortnum Private Wealth Ltd](#) (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) – appearing for ASIC in proceedings concerning alleged cybersecurity-related breaches of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

[Commissioner of Taxation v Perez](#) [2023] FCA 1221 (judgment from final hearing reserved) – civil penalty proceedings before Federal Court of Australia in connection with allegations of promoting and marketing tax exploitation schemes and tax evasion.

[ASIC v Hawkins](#) [2025] FCA 121; [ASIC v Bekier \(Separate Relief Hearing\)](#) [2025] FCA 84 (led by G Rich SC) – appearing for former CFO of Star Entertainment Group in proceedings brought by ASIC against directors and executives concerning the operation of its casino business.

[Investigation into potential criminal breaches of the Biosecurity Act 2015](#) (Cth) concerning voyage of *Ruby Princess* (2020 – ongoing) – appearing for ship owners/operators, Carnival and Princess Cruises, in substantial criminal investigation into the conduct of the *Ruby Princess* voyage during which there was a Covid-19 outbreak that resulted in many fatalities. Appeared at multiple contested applications before the NSW Magistrate's Court concerning this investigation.

[Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police v Nguyen; Commissioner of the AFP v Vo](#) (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) – appearing for the Commissioner in proceedings under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) concerning alleged money laundering in respect of cryptocurrency transactions and fund transfers in Vietnam, Hong Kong and Australia.

[Australian Information Commissioner v Medibank](#) (led by R Higgins SC) – appeared for the Information Commissioner in its investigation into the Medibank data breach and in Federal Court proceedings brought for breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Conducted extensive examinations under section 44 of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth).

[Karamian v ASIC](#) [2024] AATA 2006 – appeared for financial advisor in proceedings concerning the imposition of a permanent banning order for misconduct regarding professional accreditation.

[Commissioner of Taxation v Bakarich](#) [2024] FCA 1448; [2022] FCA 1032 – civil penalty proceedings before Federal Court concerning promotion of multiple tax exploitation schemes.

[Investigation into Optus Data Breach Conducted by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner](#) (led by R Higgins SC) – acted for the OAIC in the investigation of the Optus data breach for potential breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Conducted extensive examinations under section 44 of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth).

[Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police v Duggan](#) [2023] NSWSC 1511 – appearing for Commissioner of AFP in proceedings seeking discharge of an order made for the registration of a foreign restraining order.

[Bringans & Ors v ASIC](#) [2023] AATA 3103; [2023] AATA 3096 – appearing for applicant company director in proceedings seeking review of banning order prohibiting him from working in any financial services business.

[ASIC v Ascot Securities & Ors](#) (Market Disciplinary Panel) – appeared for Ascot Securities in a substantial market manipulation case under s 1041A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

[Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police v Chen](#) [2022] NSWSC 1719; [2022] NSWSC 1745 – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) directed

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towards the forfeiture of property alleged to be the proceeds of money laundering and illegal tobacco importation.

[Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Cranston & Ors](#) (ongoing, [2022] NSWSC 1051; [2019] NSWCA 101; [2018] NSWSC 365; [2018] NSWSC 542; [2017] NSWSC 624; [2017] NSWSC 673; [2017] NSWSC 674, led by D McLure SC) – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) against over 70 defendants concerning one of Australia's largest ever white collar crimes (ie Plutus Payroll-related money laundering and tax fraud).

[Commissioner of Taxation v Bogiatto & Ors](#) [2021] FCA 98; [2020] FCA 1139 (led by D McLure SC) – civil penalty proceedings concerning breaches of the promoter penalty regime provided for in Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).

[Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Omar & Ors](#) [2020] NSWSC 155; [2020] NSWSC 418; [2020] NSWSC 1944; [2021] NSWSC 366 – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings seeking pecuniary penalty orders under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth), concerning a substantial fraud on the Commonwealth Family Day Care Scheme.

[Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Whittall & Anor](#) [2020] NSWSC 1546 – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) seeking forfeiture of substantial property based on it being the proceeds of money laundering, fraud and narcotics importation.

[Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Memon](#) [2020] NSWSC 1619; [2020] NSWSC 1636 – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) concerning a substantial fraud on the National Disability and Insurance Scheme. The case involved a constitutional challenge to the validity of various provisions of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth).

[Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Huang](#) [2019] NSWSC 1076 – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) concerning alleged money laundering across multiple jurisdictions.

[Onley & Ors v Commissioner of the AFP](#) [2019] NSWCA 101; [2018] NSWSC 365 (led by D McLure SC) – appearing for Commissioner in appeal from a decision of Supreme Court refusing to set aside or stay examination orders made under s 180 of the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth).

[Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Gwe and Hoang](#) [2018] NSWSC 992 (led by A Moses SC) – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings under *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) concerning alleged money laundering across multiple jurisdictions.

[Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Sun](#) [2017] NSWSC 1476 – proceedings under *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) in respect of money laundering activities involving multiple jurisdictions in South-East Asia.

[Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police v Dickson](#) [2013] NSWSC 1584; [2013] NSWSC 749 (led by E Cheeseman SC) – appearing for the Commissioner in proceedings under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) concerning tax fraud offences.

## Public Law, Public Inquiries and Inquests

[Inquest into the death of Helen Honey](#) (Coroners Court of NSW, 2025 – ongoing) – appearing as Counsel Assisting at Inquest into the death of a patient at the John Hunter Hospital.

[Sea World Helicopter Crash Inquest](#) (Coroners Court of Queensland, 2025 – ongoing) – appearing for UK-based antenna manufacturer at Inquest concerning the fatal collision between two helicopters at Sea World.

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[Public Inquiry into fatal crash of MRH-90 Helicopter off Lindeman Island](#) (Inspector General of Australian Defence Force, 2023 – ongoing) – appearing for Airbus (manufacturer of the MRH-90 Taipan helicopter) in the public inquiry into the crash of an Australian Army MRH-90 Taipan helicopter near Lindeman Island whilst conducting joint military exercises.

[Inquest into death of Captain David Wood](#) (ACT Coroner's Court, ongoing) – appearing for the employer of a helicopter pilot who died in an accident while assisting with Australia's operations in Antarctica.

[Inquests and Inquiries into 2019/2020 NSW Bushfire Season](#) (Report handed down in 2024, [here](#)) – appearing for aviation firefighting services company, Coulson Aviation, at inquest/inquiry into the fatal crash of a C130 Hercules airtanker while fighting fires in the Good Good area of the Blue Mountains.

[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption](#) (ongoing) – appearing for former Minister in inquiry into conduct of a major property developer and related individuals.

[Majetic & Ors v Fyles](#) [2023] NTLC 12 – appearing for the NT Health Minister in proceedings brought by 120 appellants against decision to extend the COVID-19 related public health emergency (judicial review, administrative law).

[Public Inquiry into Star Casino](#) (conducted by Adam Bell SC, 2021 – 2022, Report [here](#)) – appearing for officers and employees of Star, including the former Chief Financial Officer.

[Special Commission of Inquiry into the Ruby Princess](#) (conducted by Bret Walker SC, report handed down in 2020, [here](#)) – appearing for the ship owners/operators, Carnival and Princess Cruises, at this public inquiry into the voyage of the *Ruby Princess* that returned to Sydney in the midst of the initial Covid-19 outbreak.

[Inquest into deaths arising from plane crash at Caboolture Airfield, Queensland](#) (Queensland Coroners Court 2020, Report [here](#)) – appearing for plane manufacturer, Textron/Cessna, at the inquest into the fatal crash into terrain of a plane during skydiving activities.

[Inquest into the March 2020 voyage of the Ruby Princess](#) (Coroners Court of NSW) – appearing for ship owners/operators, Carnival and Princess Cruises, at inquest concerning voyage that resulted in 28 deaths.

[Helicopter Resources Pty Ltd v Commonwealth of Australia](#) [2018] FCA 991 – proceedings concerning stay of coronial inquest in the context of a related criminal prosecution.

[Inquest into deaths on board the Sage Sagittarius](#) (2017, Coroners Court of NSW, Report [here](#)) – appearing for Nippon Line, owners of the ship and other interested persons, at inquest into the deaths of multiple deaths on board the ship.

[Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory](#) (2016 – 2017) – appeared for the Northern Territory at Royal Commission concerning how children were treated in detention centres, as well as within the welfare system in the Northern Territory.

[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Operation Credo](#) (2017, Report [here](#)) – appeared as Counsel Assisting in public inquiry into dealings between Australian Water Holdings and Sydney Water Corporation.

[Lawrie v Lawlor](#) [2016] NTCA 03; [2016] NTCA 04 – appeared in judicial review proceedings before the Northern Territory Court of Appeal concerning the conduct of a corruption inquiry in the Northern Territory.

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[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Operation Gardel](#) (2015 – 2017) – appeared as Counsel Assisting in inquiry into the conduct of a former speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly.

[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Operation Regent](#) (2015 – 2017) – appeared as Counsel Assisting in inquiry into the conduct of a former Federal Minister in relation to public officials in NSW.

[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Operation Spicer](#) (2016, Report [here](#)) – appeared as Counsel Assisting in public inquiry into political donations.

[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Operation Cavill](#) (2014, Report [here](#)) – appeared for Ryde councillor in public inquiry into former Mayor of Ryde.

[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Operation Tilga](#) (2013, Report [here](#)) – appeared for the Art Gallery of NSW Head of Security in public inquiry into security industry.

[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Operations Acacia and Jasper](#) (2013) – appeared for Addenbrooke Pty Ltd, a major shareholder in Cascade Coal Pty Ltd, in public inquiry into approval of Mount Penny coal mine.

[NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption, Operation Syracuse](#) (2011 – 2012) – appeared for former Member of NSW Legislative Assembly in public inquiry into expense claims.

[Special Commission of Inquiry into the NSW Government's Sale of Electricity Assets \("Gentrader Inquiry"\)](#) (2010 – 2011, led by K Rees SC) – appeared for NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet in inquiry into the Gentrader transactions (ie the sale of electricity infrastructure assets by NSW Government).

[Review into Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 \(NSW\)](#) (2010 – 2011) – appeared as Counsel Assisting the Review Panel (which included the Hon Trevor Morling KC and Frank Brennan SJ), which was appointed to provide a report to the NSW Government.

## Maritime, Aviation and Transport

[Evans v Air Canada](#) [2025] HCA 22; [2024] NSWCA 153; [2023] NSWSC 1535 (led by Justin Gleeson SC) – appearing for airline in proceedings brought by passengers for claims of injuries allegedly sustained when aircraft encountered turbulence; whether damages limited by Montreal Convention. Appeared unled before primary judge.

[State v Fiji Airlines Limited & Ors](#) (ongoing) – appearing for Fiji Airlines in proceedings concerning *inter alia* alleged breaches of *Fiji's Civil Aviation (Security) Regulations*.

[NSW Fair Trading and RCL Cruises Ltd](#) (ongoing) – acting for cruise ship operator in relation to investigation concerning potential breaches of Australian Consumer Law.

[JMC v Airbus](#) (Federal Court, ongoing) – appearing for Airbus in Federal Court proceedings concerning alleged breach of contract and misleading or deceptive conduct in respect of a helicopter purchase.

[United Exports v QBE Insurance](#) (ongoing) – appearing in marine insurance cargo dispute involving substantial South African exporter of agricultural products.

[Comcare \(May\) v Helicopter Resources](#) [2024] ACTCA 6; [2022] ACTCA 15; [2021] ACTSC 116; [2019] ACTMC 31; [2019] ACTMC 20 – appearing for Helicopter Resources in proceedings concerning the death of a pilot 200 nautical miles west of Australia's Davis Station in Antarctica.



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[Rosemary Paget & Ors v Aurora Travel Pty Ltd](#) (Supreme Court of NSW, settled in June 2024) – appearing for tour operator/ship owner in proceedings brought by passengers who contracted COVID-19 on a voyage between Argentina and Antarctica.

[Karpik v Carnival PLC & Anor](#) [2023] FCA 1280; [2021] FCA 1082 (stay application) (led by D McLure SC) – appearing for cruise ship owners/operators, Carnival and Princess Cruises, in class action brought by passengers following a COVID-19 outbreak on the *Ruby Princess*.

[Dan Bunkering \(Singapore\) Pte Ltd v The Ship “Yangtze Fortune” \(No 3\)](#) [2024] FCA 219 – appearing for China Merchants Energy Trading (Singapore) in admiralty proceedings concerning a dispute in respect of the judicial sale of the ship *Yangtze Fortune*.

[The Expedition Shipping Partners and Others v Caledonian Sky](#) (Federal Court) – admiralty proceedings concerning the arrest of a vessel.

[Hapag-Lloyds Ships Ltd & Anor v State of New South Wales and Port Authority of NSW; DP World v Hapag Lloyd Ships Ltd & Ors](#) (NSW Supreme Court, settled 2022) – appearing for NSW Ports in proceedings arising out of accident at Port Botany terminal (negligence, breach of statutory duty).

[The Trust Company \(PTAL\) Limited as trustee for Mulpha Hotel Trust & Anor v Cruise Whitsundays Pty Ltd](#) (NSW Supreme Court, settled 2022) – proceedings concerning sale of two vessels to owner of Hayman Island and related allegations of breach of contract, negligence and misleading or deceptive conduct.

[James Smith v RCL Cruise Lines t/as Royal Caribbean Cruises](#) (NSW Supreme Court, settled 2022) – appearing for ship owner in proceedings concerning alleged breaches of contract, breaches of Australian Consumer Law, breach of duty and misleading or deceptive conduct.

[Heli-Aust Pty Ltd v Civil Aviation Safety Authority](#) [2019] NSWSC 506 – appeared for plaintiff helicopter services company in proceedings concerning allegations of breach of duty, breach of contract and misrepresentation related to a fatal helicopter accident in Western Australia.

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## Taxation

[Ziegler & Anor v Commissioner of Taxation](#) (Full Court of the Federal Court) – appearing for Commissioner in appeal from a decision concerning multiple assessments in respect of two taxpayers. The appeal raises questions including whether assessments are excessive if contrary to a settlement deed, as well as the proper operation of s 177EA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth) and s 8AAZN of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).

[ZFPR and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2025] ARTA 572 – proceedings brought by a Western Australia-based mining entrepreneur concerning the treatment of amounts alleged to be related party gifts and loans. The case involved the interplay between *bongbao* (“red envelope money”) and aspects of Australia’s tax laws, as well as alleged fraud or evasion spanning a decade.

[Commissioner of Taxation v Perez](#) (judgment in respect of final hearing reserved, [2023] FCA 1221) – proceedings before Federal Court concerning alleged promotion and marketing of tax exploitation schemes and tax evasion in breach of s 290-50 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).

[BSKF and HYGTV Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2024] AATA 3377 – proceedings concerning an alleged Part IVA scheme, fraud/evasion and the limits of the Tribunal’s jurisdiction when considering a taxpayer’s statutory burden.

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[Commissioner of Taxation v Bakarich](#) [2024] FCA 1448; [2022] FCA 1032 – proceedings before Federal Court concerning alleged promotion and marketing of tax exploitation schemes and tax evasion in breach of s 290-50 of Schedule 1 to the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).

[Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Duong & Ors](#) (Federal Court, 2024 – ongoing) – proceedings concerning freezing orders and recovery of over \$110 million in taxation debts.

[Whiddon and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2022] AATA 197 (led by E Wheelahan KC) – proceedings brought by mining entrepreneur concerning interplay between certain oil and gas asset transactions in multiple jurisdictions and Australia's taxation laws (whether gain was revenue or capital, whether taxpayer was resident of Monaco or Australia).

[J & M Loghandling v Commissioner of Taxation](#) (Settled, 2022) – appeared for pastoral company in proceedings concerning income tax before Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Federal Court.

[Plaskitt v Tax Practitioners Board](#) [2022] AATA 267 – proceedings brought by accountant/tax agent who had been disqualified under the *Tax Agent Services Act 2009* (Cth) following misappropriation of client funds.

[Le'Sam Accounting Pty Ltd and Rizkallah v Tax Practitioners Board; Rizkallah v Tax Practitioners Board](#) [2021] AATA 1593; [2020] AATA 890 – proceedings brought by accountant/tax agent who had been disqualified under the *Tax Agent Services Act 2009* (Cth) for unauthorised access of client accounts.

[Beckett v Tax Practitioners Board](#) [2021] AATA 1234; [2019] FCA 353; [2018] AATA 1860 – proceedings brought by accountant/tax agent disqualified under the *Tax Agent Services Act 2009* (Cth) for perjury and creating falsified bank cheques.

[ACN 154 520 199 Pty Ltd \(in liq\) v Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2020] FCAFC 225; [2019] AATA 5981 (led by G Davies KC and E Wheelahan KC) – proceedings involving an alleged scheme under Part IVA of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth) arising from a substantial gold trading operation.

[Mahathevan v Tax Practitioners Board](#) [2020] AATA 3381 – proceedings brought by an accountant/tax agent disqualified under the *Tax Agent Services Act 2009* (Cth) for making fraudulent representations to the Australian Taxation Office.

[Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Wang](#) [2020] FCA 1711 – proceedings directed towards freezing orders and recovery of substantial individual and corporate taxation debts.

[Mavris and Federal Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2018] AATA 4130; [2018] AATA 1825 – appearing in proceedings concerning the luxury car tax regime.

[Re Precise Training Pty Ltd](#) [2018] NSWSC 1383 – proceedings under s 459H of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) to set aside creditor's statutory demand served by the Chief Commissioner of State Revenue.

[Deputy Commission of Taxation v Mahmoud and Anor](#) (2019) – appearing in proceedings directed towards the recovery of substantial individual and corporate taxation debts against individuals and related companies.

[Hawkins v Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2019] FCA 627 (led by S Lloyd SC); [2017] FCA 1247 – proceedings concerning multiple judicial review applications in respect of decisions of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

[Byron Pty Ltd and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2019] AATA 2042 – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).

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[Ransley v Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2018] FCA 1796; [2018] AATA 4359 (led by E Cheeseman SC) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning the sale of shares in a coal mining operation that had been the subject of a NSW ICAC inquiry.

[Zappia v Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2017] FCAFC 185; [2017] FCA 390 – appeal before the Full Court of the Federal Court concerning scope of the burden borne by taxpayers under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth). Appeared in the hearing before the primary judge, concerning whether funds were transferred to the taxpayer on revenue account or by way of a loan.

[Carr v Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2017] FCA 1486; [2016] AATA 638 – appeal before the Federal Court from decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal concerning default tax assessments issued under s 167 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1936* (Cth).

[Peter Sleiman Investments and Federal Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2017] AATA 999 – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning multiple taxation assessments and allegations of fraud/evasion.

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[MSAUS Pty Ltd ATF Melissa Trust and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2017] AATA 1408 – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning the tax treatment of transactions arising from the development of the Sebel Manly Beach Hotel.

[Academy Cleaning v Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2017] FCA 875 (led by K Deards SC) – proceedings concerning whether deductions arising under an emissions reduction purchase agreement could lawfully be claimed under s 8-1 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth).

[McKinnon Holdings \(NSW\) Pty Ltd ATF McKinnon Equipment Trust and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2016] AATA 917 – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning the applicant's claim of GST input tax credits.

[Hill and Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2016] AATA 514 – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning the applicant's entitlement to claim deductions pursuant to s 8-1 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* (Cth).

[Blank v Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2016] HCATrans 115; [2015] FCAFC 154; [2014] FCA 87; [2014] FCA 517 (led by J Hmelniisky SC) – appearing for Commissioner in proceedings concerning whether amounts paid to the taxpayer, an employee of a substantial global mining business, were assessable as ordinary income.

[Sedgwick v Federal Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2015] AATA 690 – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning whether the applicant could lawfully claim GST input tax credits.

[Trustee for SBM Trust and Federal Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2015] AATA 174 – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning whether the applicant could lawfully claim input tax credits.

[Mac v Deputy Commissioner of Taxation](#) [2014] FCCA 1426 – proceedings concerning an application to set aside a Bankruptcy Notice that was issued following the settlement of proceeds of crime proceedings relating to drug trafficking and money laundering.

[Advent 7 Pty Ltd and Commissioner of Taxation \[2014\] AATA 365](#) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning whether the applicant was entitled to claim GST input tax credits and whether the penalty for recklessness was correctly imposed.

[Dotrac Pty Ltd and Commissioner of Taxation \[2014\] AATA 336](#) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning an application for review of objection decisions in relation to the applicants' entitlement to input tax credits under the GST legislation.

[Cartesian Capital Pty Ltd and Federal Commissioner of Taxation \[2014\] AATA 49](#) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning a penalty assessment in relation to GST shortfall.

[Research Scientist and Commissioner of Taxation \[2014\] AATA 242](#) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning a review of an objection decision and findings of fraud or evasion on the part of the taxpayer.

[Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Binetter \[2013\] FCA 670](#) (led by D McGovern SC) – proceedings directed towards the recovery of substantial taxation debts, and an application seeking to set aside freezing orders.

[Hartley and Commissioner of Taxation \[2013\] AATA 601](#) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning whether the applicant was a share trader or share investor for the purposes of income tax assessments across multiple years.

[Russell and Commissioner of Taxation \[2013\] AATA 621](#) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning multiple income tax assessments.

[Naidoo and Commissioner of Taxation \[2013\] AATA 443](#) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth), concerning whether a partnership was carrying on an enterprise for the purposes of the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cth) and entitled to claim input tax credits.

[Swanbat Pty Ltd and Commissioner of Taxation \[2013\] AATA 891](#) – proceedings under Part IVC of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).

[Virgin Blue Airlines Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation \[2010\] FCA 631](#) (led by T Thawley SC) – appearing in proceedings concerning an objection application in relation to multiple fringe benefit tax assessments.

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[“Metes and Bounds of Anti-Corruption Bodies”](#), presenting in a panel with the Chief Justice of Tasmania, Christopher Shanahan and Gail Furness at the Australian Bar Association Annual Conference, “Crossroads 2025” on 29 August 2025.

[“Advocacy and expert Evidence”](#) (presenting with Liam Kelly SC and Monica Chong Wan Yee of KordaMentha), International Arbitration Conference, Singapore, July 2025.

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Paper for the Tax Institute’s 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tax Forum on unlawful phoenix activity and its regulation, May 2021.

“[White Collars, Dirty Cuffs – the BBSW Cases and Rate Rigging](#)”, Sydney University’s Law and Business Downtown Series (Chaired by Justice Wigney), September 2018.

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## PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

### COMMERCIAL LAW

Administrative Law	Communications	Partnership disputes
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