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Admitted to the legal profession
2011

Admitted as a barrister in NSW
2021

Also entitled to practise in
All Australian jurisdictions (Commonwealth, State and Territory)

Liam has experience in commercial litigation, regulatory matters and criminal law. Prior to coming to the Bar, he was a Senior Associate at Arnold Bloch Leibler where he represented and advised companies and individuals across commercial disputes, white collar criminal matters, and investigations.

Before joining Arnold Bloch Leibler, Liam was a Senior Federal Prosecutor at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. In this role, Liam prosecuted tax, social security and financial services offences. He also has expertise in offences concerning voting and political donations, and was briefly seconded to the Australian Electoral Commission.

Prior to that, Liam worked at Herbert Smith Freehills and was Associate to her Honour Judge Flannery SC in the District Court of New South Wales.

During his time as a solicitor, Liam worked on matters before the Local Court, Coroners Court, District Court, Land and Environment Court, and Supreme Court of New South Wales, as well as the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and Federal Court. He has appeared in the Local and District Courts, including in summary hearings, bail applications, indictable sentences and appeals.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 – 2021: Senior Associate at Arnold Bloch Leibler

2016 – 2019: Federal Prosecutor and Senior Federal Prosecutor at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

2012 – 2017: Casual Academic at Macquarie University

2013 – 2015 and **2011 – 2012:** Graduate and Solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills

2012 – 2013: Associate to her Honour Judge Flannery SC in the District Court of New South Wales

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

New South Wales Bar Association

2017 – 2018: Member of the Criminal Law Committee of the Law Society of New South Wales

2016 – 2018: Chair of the Criminal Law Committee of New South Wales Young Lawyers

2016: Conferred life membership to the Macquarie University Law Society

AWARDS OR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2018: Recipient of two Law Week Awards from the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

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PUBLICATIONS

'Tougher laws and more resources signal a new era in ASIC enforcement' (2019) 55 (May) *Law Society of NSW Journal* 84

SELECTED CASES

As a solicitor

- **Application of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Evidence on Commission Act 1995 (NSW)** (No 2) [2020] NSWSC 1500 – acted for the defendant in the overseas proceedings – application to obtain evidence for proceedings in the United States of America
- **Timothy William Cheng and Ors v Triple Crown Bloodstock Pty Ltd** (NSW District Court, 2020) – acted for the defendant – breach of contract – misleading or deceptive conduct – fiduciary duties – obligations of financial services licensees
- **Winter v MACH Australia Holdings Pty Ltd** (Federal Court, 2019) – acted for the plaintiff – breach of contract – adverse action
- **R v Nadim Derbasi** [2018] NSWDC 79 – appeared as Crown – sentence – disputed facts hearing – tax fraud
- **R v Yasuaki Chan** (NSW District Court, 2018) – appeared as Crown – sentence – tax fraud
- **R v Brenda Pryor** (NSW District Court, 2016) – appeared as Crown – sentence – forged documents to obtain Centrelink benefits
- **AFP v Salim Mehajer** [2018] NSWLC 11 – instructed on behalf of the prosecution – sentence following hearing – electoral fraud
- **AFP v Fatima Mehajer** [2018] NSWLC 12 – instructed on behalf of the prosecution – sentence following guilty plea – electoral fraud
- **AFP v Salim Mehajer** (NSW Local Court, 2017-2018) – instructed on behalf of the prosecution – hearing – electoral fraud

- **Hardcastle v Santos Ltd and Anor** (NSW District Court, 2015) – acted for the defendants – misleading or deceptive conduct – strike out application
- **Environment Protection Authority v Hunter Valley Coal Pty Ltd** [2015] NSWLEC 120 – acted for the defendant – sentence following guilty plea – air pollution
- **Inquests into the deaths of Josefa Rauluni, Ahmed Al-Akabi and David Saunders** (NSW Coroners Court, 2011) – acted for health care contractor – deaths in custody

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Banking and Financial Services

Environment and Planning

INDUSTRIAL / EMPLOYMENT

Disciplinary proceedings

Work Health and Safety prosecutions

CRIMINAL LAW

Appellate

Fraud

Proceeds of crime

White collar and corporate crime

INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissions of inquiry

Coronial inquests

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Disciplinary proceedings

SECTORS

Banks & financial institutions

Government