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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 primarily practices across commercial, common law, property and criminal matters.

Prior to coming to the Bar, he was a Senior Associate at Arnold Bloch Leibler where he represented and advised companies and individuals with respect to commercial disputes, white collar criminal matters, and internal 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, financial services and electoral offences. Liam also previously worked as a solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills and was Associate to Judge Flannery SC in the district Court of NSW.

Liam is regularly briefed in a range of commercial disputes whilst also maintaining a broad practice that includes corporate, common law, strata, building and construction, property, taxation, bankruptcy, environment and planning, and criminal matters (with a focus on white collar, environmental and WHS offences). He has appeared before the Local, District and Supreme Courts of NSW, the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, the Federal Court, the ACT Supreme Court and various tribunals.

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

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

2017: Recipient of a Law Week Award from the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

PUBLICATIONS

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

SELECTED CASES

Commercial

Gladman v Burrell (NSW Local Court, 2024) – personal guarantee – breach of contract – cross-claim – misleading or deceptive conduct – *Contracts Review Act 1980* (NSW) – acted on behalf of defendant – unled

Gan v Xie [2023] NSWCA 163 – online rewards membership platform – pyramid schemes – acted on behalf of respondent – led by L Livingston SC

Maison Global Property Pty Ltd v CHP Asset Management Pty Limited (formerly Ecove Site 9 Pty Limited) and Ors (NSW District Court, 2023) – recovery of sales commission – misleading or deceptive conduct – breach of contract – acted on behalf of plaintiff – led by L Livingston SC

Julie Peacocke T/A Lily Jackson Hair & Makeup v Neumann (NSW District Court, 2022) – post-employment restraints – breach of contract – breach of fiduciary duties – breach of confidence – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

Corporate

***Senatore v Andriolo and Anor* [2022] ACTSC 285** – put and call option entered in favour of entity of which director was shareholder – breach of director’s duties – breach of fiduciary duties – *Barnes v Addy* – acted on behalf of liquidator – led by M Karam

Common Law

Raad and Ors v The Cosmetic Institute Pty Ltd (in Liq) and Ors (NSW Supreme Court, 2024) – The Cosmetic Institute Class Action – cosmetic surgery – negligence – acted on behalf of defendant doctors – led by A McInerney SC and N Bentley

Reddy v State of NSW (NSW District Court, 2024) – police investigation – false imprisonment – wrongful arrest – malicious prosecution – acted on behalf of State of NSW – led by D Hulme

Barker v Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch (NSW Court of Appeal, 2024) – historic child sexual abuse – appeal against permanent stay – acted on behalf of appellant – led by P Herzfeld SC

Dormand v Raymond (NSW District Court, 2023) – reproductive health – negligence – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

Hay v Hunter New England Local Health District (NSW District Court, 2023) – infection – negligence – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

Real property / building and construction / strata

LCT-MRE Nominees Pty Ltd and Anor v Thiess Pty Ltd and Ors; Thiess Pty Ltd and Anor v WSP Australia Pty Ltd and Ors (NSW Supreme Court, 2024) – Lane Cove Tunnel – defects – breach of contract – negligence – misleading or deceptive conduct – acted on behalf of independent verifier – led by H Foxcroft KC

Xie v The Owners – Strata Plan No. 10579 [2023] NSWCATCD – strata title – application to invalidate election of strata committee and resolutions – acted on behalf of applicant owners – unled

Nazero One Pty Ltd v L & C’s Foundation Pty Ltd (NSW Supreme Court, 2022) – non-payment of claims served in accordance with *Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999* (NSW) – summary judgment – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

Garde v Ee and Anor (NSW Local Court, 2022) – application for noise abatement order – acted on behalf of defendants – unled

Seaback Pty Ltd v Al-Ibraheem (Arbitration, 2022) – sale of land – misdescription of land size by agent – misleading or deceptive conduct – acted on behalf of vendor – led by L Livingston SC

Taxation

Commissioner of Taxation v Pad & Sons Pty Ltd ATF The Asel Family Trust (Administrative Appeals Tribunal, 2023) – eligibility for JobKeeper payments – acted on behalf of Commissioner of Taxation – led by L Livingston SC

Criminal

R v Tongue [2023] NSWDC 175 – fraud – sentence – acted on behalf of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions – unled

EPA v Hardstand Solutions Pty Ltd and Anor (NSW Local Court, 2022) – failure to comply with clean up notice – sentence – acted on behalf of defendant – unled

Sports

Thomas and Anor v Motorcycling NSW (Appellate body of Motorcycling NSW, 2023) – appeal against penalties imposed by Motorcycling NSW – acted on behalf of appellant – unled

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate	Class Actions	Professional Liability
Arbitration	Competition and Consumer	Real Property
Banking and Financial Services	Contracts	Restraint of trade
Bankruptcy and Insolvency	Corporations and Securities	Shareholder class actions
Building, Construction and Technology	Environment and Planning	Superannuation

INDUSTRIAL / EMPLOYMENT

Disciplinary proceedings	Health Law	Work Health and Safety prosecutions
Government Inquiries	Restraint of trade	

CRIMINAL LAW

Appellate	Proceeds of crime	Work Health and Safety
Fraud	White collar and corporate crime	

INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissions of inquiry	Coronial inquests
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PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Appellate	Health Law	Judicial Review and Administrative law
Constitutional Law	Proceeds of crime	Merits review
Disciplinary proceedings	Public law	

TAXATION AND REVENUE

Appellate

Goods and Services tax

Income tax

COMMON LAW

Appellate

Medical negligence

Professional liability

EQUITY

Property

Wills and Estates

SECTORS

Banks & financial institutions

Government

Real Estate

Funds

Healthcare