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

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)

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 fraud, commercial crime, environmental offences and WHS contraventions). He has appeared before the Local, District and Supreme Courts of NSW, the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the ACT Supreme Court and various tribunals.

Liam is recognised in the 2025 edition of *Best Lawyers in Australia* for litigation.

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 NSW

SELECTED CASES

COMMERCIAL

[DBC Investment Group Pty Ltd and Anor v Reward Homes Pty Ltd and Anor \(NSW Supreme Court 2021/00112325\)](#) – sales commission – breach of contract – acted on behalf of plaintiff – led by L Livingston SC

[Kay v Dryden \(ACT Magistrates Court CS 132/2023\)](#) – loan agreement – breach of contract – acted on behalf of defendant – unled

[Athanasios v Mycolab Pty Ltd and Mycotec Pty Ltd \(NSW Supreme Court 2023/00338187\)](#) – oral share sale agreement – application for preliminary discovery – acted on behalf of defendants – unled

[Gladman v Burrell \(NSW Local Court 2023/00043627\)](#) – services agreement – breach of contract – cross-claim – misleading or deceptive conduct – *Contracts Review Act 1980* (NSW) – acted on behalf of defendant / cross-claimant – unled

[Gan v Xie \[2023\] NSWCA 163](#) – MFC platform – pyramid schemes – misleading or deceptive conduct – acted on behalf of respondent – led by L Livingston SC

[Maison Global Property Pty Ltd v CHP Asset Management Pty Limited and Ors \(NSW District Court 2021/00140959\)](#) – sales commission – breach of contract – misleading or deceptive conduct – acted on behalf of plaintiff – led by L Livingston SC

[Julie Peacocke T/A Lily Jackson Hair & Makeup v Neumann \(NSW District Court 2021/00215355\)](#) – post-employment restraints – breach of contract – breach of fiduciary duties – breach of confidence – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

CORPORATE

[Villefranche Investments Pty Ltd ATF the Gates Family Trust and Ors v ASP Aluminium Holdings Pty Ltd and Ors \(NSW Supreme Court 2023/00333788\)](#) – shareholder derivative action – breach of directors' duties – acting on behalf of a director and associated entity – led by C Johnstone

[Senatore v Andriolo and Anor \[2022\] ACTSC 285](#) – sale of assets – breach of directors' duties – *Barnes v Addy* – acted on behalf of plaintiff liquidator – led by M Karam

COMMON LAW

[Raad and Ors v The Cosmetic Institute Pty Ltd \(in Liq\) and Ors \(NSW Supreme Court 2017/279308\)](#) – Cosmetic Institute Class Action – cosmetic surgery – professional negligence – acted on behalf of several doctors – led by A McInerney SC with N Bentley

[El-Saeidy v Edwards and State of NSW \(NSW Local Court 2023/00173916\)](#) – common assault – subpoena to produce – sensitive content – access orders – acted on behalf of producing party

[Reddy v State of NSW; Tan v State of NSW \(NSW District Court 2016/00124795; 2017/00372602\)](#) – 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 \(NSW Court of Appeal 2023/00152725\)](#) – historic child sexual abuse – appeal against grant of permanent stay – acted on behalf of appellant – led by P Herzfeld SC

[Dormand v Raymond \(NSW District Court 2022/00337290\)](#) – reproductive health – professional negligence – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

[Hay v Hunter New England Local Health District \(NSW District Court 2022/00088199\)](#) – infection – professional negligence – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

[Thompson v Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District \(NSW District Court 2022/00017334\)](#) – reproductive health – professional negligence – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

**PROPERTY, ENVIRONMENT &
PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION
AND STRATA**

[Gu and Ors v The Owners – Strata Plan No. 90232; The Owners – Strata Plan No. 90232 v Gu and Ors \[2024\] NSWCATCD](#) – strata title – strata managing agent – application for compulsory appointment – unled

[Karageorge v Prapas \(NSW Local Court 2023/00461702\)](#) – retail lease – outstanding rent – acting on behalf of plaintiff – unled

[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 \(NSW Supreme Court 2017/00077595\)](#) – Lane Cove Tunnel – defects – breach of contract – negligence – misleading or deceptive conduct – acted on behalf of defendant independent verifier – led by H Foxcroft KC

[Xie and Ors v The Owners – Strata Plan No. 10579 \[2023\] NSWCATCD](#) – strata title – application to invalidate election of strata committee and resolutions – acted on behalf of applicants – unled

[Pickering v The Owners – Strata Plan No. 93254; The Owners – Strata Plan No. 93254 v Richard Crookes Constructions Pty Limited and Anor \(NCAT 2022/00406539; 2022/00419837; 2022/00405564\)](#) – water ingress – maintenance of common property – statutory warranties – acted on behalf of Owners Corporation – unled

[Fred Abboud Enterprises Pty Ltd v Portelli \(NSW Supreme Court 2022/00284670\)](#) – residential development – application for easement for drainage – unled

[Nazero One Pty Ltd v L & C's Foundation Pty Ltd \(NSW Supreme Court 2022/00345237\)](#) – application for summary judgment – non-payment of claims served under *Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999* (NSW)

[Garde v Ee and Anor \(NSW Local Court 2021/00270215\)](#) – 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 \(AAT 2021/4628\)](#) – eligibility for Job Keeper payments – acted on behalf of Commissioner of Taxation – led by L Livingston SC

CRIMINAL

[CASA v Thomas \(NSW Local Court 2024/00049838\)](#) – aviation offences – hearing – meaning of “operator” of aircraft – acted on behalf of Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions – unled

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

[EPA v Hardstand Solutions Pty Ltd; EPA v Winter \(NSW Local Court 2022/00099852; 2022/00099854\)](#) – breach of clean up notice – sentence – acted on behalf of defendants – 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	Strata title

COMMON LAW

Appellate	Medical negligence	Professional liability
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CRIMINAL LAW

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

INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissions of inquiry	Coronial inquests
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