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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, employment, criminal matters (with a focus on fraud, commercial crime, environmental offences and WHS contraventions) and sporting code of conduct matters. He has appeared before the Local, District and Supreme Courts of NSW, the NSW Court of Appeal, the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the ACT Supreme Court, and various tribunals.

Liam has been recognised in the 2025 and 2026 editions of *Best Lawyers in Australia* for litigation.

## PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**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

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**SELECTED CASES**

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**COMMERCIAL**

*Crimston and Anor v Dr Naomi Pty Ltd* (NSW District Court 2021/00172553) – service agreement – breach of contract – acting on behalf of plaintiffs – led by S Habbib SC and later L Livingston SC

*South32 Aluminium (RAA) Pty Ltd and Ors v Siemens Ltd* (Federal Court QUD 150 of 2021) – generator overheating event – misleading or deceptive conduct – breach of contract – negligence – acting on behalf of plaintiffs – led by S Couper KC

*Frank Small Nominees Pty Ltd v MCXKL Pty Ltd and Anor* [2025] NSWSC 1479 – application for preliminary discovery – costs – acted on behalf of defendant – unled

*Gispac Pty Ltd v Michael Hill Jeweller (Australia) Pty Ltd* (NSW Supreme Court 2019/00187098) – application for release of security for costs – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

*Leasewise Australia Pty Ltd v Dynamic Trans Pty Ltd and Anor* (NSW District Court 2024/00232774) – chattel mortgage – personal guarantee – breach of contract – unconscionability – *Contracts Review Act 1980* (NSW) – principles in *Yerkey v Jones* – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

*BM Sydney Building Materials Pty Ltd v W&Y Commercial Services Pty Ltd and Anor* (NSW Local Court 2024/00129944) – credit account – personal guarantee – breach of contract – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

*Fusion People Pty Ltd v Genesis Holding Corporation Pty Ltd t/as Genesis Plumbing* (NSW Local Court 2024/00253637) – trade account – breach of contract – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

*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 plaintiffs – 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 Anor* (NSW Supreme Court 2023/00338187) – 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

**CORPORATE, INSOLVENCY AND BANKRUPTCY**

*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 KC

*Xu v Jones and Anor* (Federal Court NSD 1546/2025) – bankruptcy – application to set aside Personal Insolvency Agreement – acted on behalf of debtor – led by L Livingston SC

*Nepean River Dairy Pty Ltd v Origin Energy Electricity Limited; Nepean River Dairy Pty Ltd v Origin Energy LPG Limited* (NSW Supreme Court 2023/00461621; 2023/00461622) – application to set aside statutory demand – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

*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

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**COMMON LAW**

*Erector Group Consolidated v Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union (NSW Branch) and United Super Pty Ltd ATF the Construction and Building Unions Superannuation Fund (NSW Supreme Court 2025/00104409)* – demand for payment – tort of intimidation – money had and received – acting on behalf of plaintiff – led by A Moses SC

*Carrick v Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District (NSW District Court 2025/00066645)* – respiratory medicine – professional negligence – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

*West v State of NSW (NSW Supreme Court 2023/00043917)* – historic child abuse – vicarious liability – negligence – acted on behalf of defendant – led by J Sheller SC

*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 defendants – 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 – acted on behalf of producing party – unled

*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 defendant – led by D Hulme

*Barker v Scout Association of Australia NSW Branch (NSW Court of Appeal 2023/00152725)* – historic child 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**

*Shortpar Pty Limited ATF PJB Crescent Head Discretionary Trust v 4Shorts Management Pty Limited ATF the MJS Crescent Head Discretionary Trust (NSW Supreme Court 2024/00454814)* – jointly owned land – application for appointment of trustees for sale – acted on behalf of defendant – unled

*Xu v Johns (NSW District Court 2024/00025514)* – fencing – appeal – acted on behalf of respondent – unled

*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 – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

*Karageorge v Prapas (NSW Local Court 2023/00461702)* – retail lease – outstanding rent – acted 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 plaintiff – led by L Livingston SC

## EMPLOYMENT

*Fusion People Pty Limited v ACR World Pty Limited and Ors* (NSW Supreme Court 2025/00470467) – post-employment restraints – preliminary discovery – acting on behalf of plaintiff – led by J Darams SC

*Julie Peacocke T/A Lily Jackson Hair & Makeup v Neumann* (NSW District Court 2021/00215355) – post-employment restraints – acted on behalf of plaintiff – unled

## 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 applicant – led by L Livingston SC

## CRIMINAL

*Australian Electoral Commission v Valovic* (NSW Local Court 2024/00360914) – electoral offences – summary hearing – acted on behalf of Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions – unled

*R v Rashidi* (NSW District Court 2022/00386039) – drug offences – jury trial – acted on behalf of Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions – led by M England SC

*Civil Aviation Safety Authority v Thomas* (NSW Local Court 2024/00049838) – aviation offences – summary hearing – meaning of “operator” of aircraft – acted on behalf of Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions – unled

*R v Tongue* [2023] NSWDC 175 – counterfeiting and identification offences – sentence hearing – acted on behalf of Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions – unled

*Environment Protection Authority v Hardstand Solutions Pty Ltd; Environment Protection Authority v Winter* (NSW Local Court 2022/00099852; 2022/00099854) – breach of clean up notice – sentence hearing – acted on behalf of defendants – unled

## SPORTS

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

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## PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

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### 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

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### COMMON LAW

Appellate	Medical negligence	Professional liability
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### CRIMINAL LAW

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

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### INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissions of inquiry	Coronial inquests
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### OTHER

Sporting code of conduct