

PATRICK HALL

Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) - University of Oxford
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Admitted to the legal profession
2019

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

Patrick accepts briefs in all areas of law. He has particular expertise in commercial and corporations matters arising from his time as a solicitor working on various high-value and high-profile matters. Patrick was admitted as a solicitor in 2019 and trained at Herbert Smith Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer) in Sydney.

He went on to practise at Slaughter and May in London. In that time, he was recognised as a "key lawyer" in the Legal 500 2026 for Band 1 litigation premium and worked across the English Courts as well as those in Bermuda, Singapore, and Kenya. He has led mediations for his clients and has experience in arbitration, including a challenge to an arbitral award (SIAC) alleging damages in excess of US$5.5 billion.

Previously he was employed as a tipstaff in the Court of Appeal (Hon Justice R.W. White) and the Common Law Division (Hon Justice P.R. Garling RFD).

He holds a Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) from the University of Oxford and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) from the University of Sydney alongside subject prizes. Patrick also enjoys an academic interest in the law. His peer-reviewed academic work has been cited in the Federal Court and the Supreme Court of the ACT and he was previously employed as a Tutor and Sessional Academic at the University of Sydney. He remains an editor of the leading academic work on civil procedure.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **2021 – 2026:** Slaughter and May, Associate
- **2019 - 2020:** Herbert Smith Freehills, Graduate Solicitor
- **2018:** Tipstaff to the Hon. Justice R.W. White, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of NSW
- **2018:** Tutor, 'Torts and Contracts II', University of Sydney
- **2017 (Nov - Dec):** Tipstaff to the Hon. Justice P.R. Garling RFD, Supreme Court of NSW

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AWARDS / PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2026: Legal 500, Commercial Litigation: Premium "key lawyer"

2020: Barker Graduate Scholarship, University of Sydney.

2020: Highly Commended, Banking and Financial Services Law Association Research Essay Prize.

2018: Academic Merit Prize, Sydney Law School.

2018: Dean's List, Sydney Law School.

2018: Harmers' Workplace Lawyers Prize for Anti-Discrimination Law.

2017: Selected for National Law Honours Conference.

2016: Recipient, Zoe Hall Memorial Scholarship, Sydney Law School. Awarded based on academic performance and contribution to University and Law Faculty.

PUBLICATIONS

- Patrick Hall, '**Witness Statements**', '**Trial and Evidence**' in Adrian Zuckerman et al, *Zuckerman on Civil Procedure: Principles of Practice* (Sweet and Maxwell, 5th ed, 2025).
- Patrick Hall, '**Community Standards and Expectations: Has There Been a Fundamental Shift in the Obligations on Financial Services Licensees under Pt 7.6 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)**', (2020) 31 *Journal of Banking and Finance Law and Practice* 221.
- Patrick Hall, '**Matters arising: The interaction between cross-vesting and bankruptcy legislation**' (2019) 47(3) *Australian Bar Review* 300 (applied in *Talent v Official Trustee in Bankruptcy* [2019] ACTSC 274 at [15]).
- Patrick Hall, '**Freeing speech: Protecting the modern media defendant through the defence of qualified privilege**' (2019) 23(2) *Media & Arts Law Review* 201 (applied in *Palmer v McGowan (No 5)* [2022] FCA 893 at [221] per Lee J).
- Patrick Hall, '**Court declares that three companies operated without an Australian financial services licence**' (2019) 261 *Corporate Law Bulletin*.
- Patrick Hall, '**Court makes orders appointing a Special Purpose Liquidator to two companies in liquidation**' (2019) 264 *Corporate Law Bulletin*.

SELECTED CASES AS A SOLICITOR

- State-owned entity v major oil and gas company - Singapore International Arbitration Centre. Fraudulent misrepresentation / assessment of quantum. As litigation associate with L Rabinowitz KC as lead counsel.
- **CFJ & Anor v CFL & AnorSingapore International Commercial Court** - [2023] SGHC(I) 1. Setting aside arbitral award. As litigation associate with D Singh SC as lead counsel.
- **The Republic of Mozambique v Credit Suisse International & Ors** - England and Wales, High Court of Justice, Commercial Court [2024] EWHC 1957 - Fraud / bribery. As litigation associate with L Rabinowitz KC and A Scott KC as lead counsel.
- **Airwave Solutions Limited & Ors v Competition and Markets Authority** - United Kingdom, Competition Appeal Tribunal [2023] CAT 76 - Judicial review. As litigation associate with M Hoskins KC as lead counsel.
- **Gutmann v Vodafone Limited & Anor** - United Kingdom, Competition Appeal Tribunal - Application for a collective proceedings order / competition. As principal litigation associate.
- Claims against a group of chartered surveyors - England and Wales, High Court - Professional negligence. As principal litigation associate with T Foxton as counsel.
- **Goodman Fielder Consumer Foods Pty Ltd v GrainCorp Foods Australia Pty Ltd** - Supreme Court of NSW, Commercial List (Henry J) – Contract.
- **Northern Oil & Gas Australia Pty Ltd (In Administration)** - Supreme Court of NSW, Commercial List (Rees J) - Insolvency.

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Admiralty and Maritime Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate
Aviation and Transportation Law
Banking and Financial Services
Class Actions
Competition and Consumer
Conflicts of Law
Contracts
International Law
Professional Liability
Restraint of Trade
Shareholder class actions
Sports Law

COMMON LAW

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate
Class Actions
Defamation
Professional Liability
Sports Law

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate
Constitutional Law
Disciplinary Proceedings
Health Law
Judicial review and Admin Law
Merits Review
Proceeds of Crime
Public Law

EQUITY

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Appellate
Property
Trusts
Wills and Estates

INDUSTRIAL / EMPLOYMENT LAW

Civil and Human Rights
Class Actions
Disciplinary Proceedings
Discrimination and Equality
Diversity and Inclusion
Employment Law
Government Inquiries
Health Law
Investigations
Privacy
Restraint of Trade
Sexual Harassment
Work Health and Safety Prosecutions

SECTORS

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Defence
Government

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