

Diana Tang

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Master of Laws (First Class), University of Cambridge (2015) Bachelor of Laws (First Class), University of Sydney (2011) Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics), University of Sydney (2010)

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Admitted to the legal profession 2013

Admitted as a barrister in NSW 2017

Also entitled to practise in

All Australian jurisdictions (Commonwealth, State and

Territory)

Principal areas of practice

Administrative Law Conflict of Laws

Alternative Dispute Resolution Contracts

Arbitration Coronial Inquests

Building, Construction & Technology Equity
Civil and Human Rights Public Law
Commercial Law Trade Practices

Commissions of Inquiry Competition & Consumer

Previous professional experience

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, Darwin (Civil): 2016 – 2017

Baker & McKenzie, Sydney (Construction): 2013 – 2016

Awards or professional recognition

NSW Women Lawyers Association – Barrister of the Year 2019 Caroline Turle Prize, Newnham College, University of Cambridge 2015

Cambridge University Trust Scholar 2015

Professional memberships

NSW Bar Association:

- Member (2017 to present)
- Diversity and Equality Committee (2018 to 2019)

Practice overview

Diana has a broad practice in public law, common law and commercial law. She has advised and appeared in judicial review proceedings across a range of areas including building and construction, health law and insurance law. Diana also has experience in negligence and intentional tort claims in the police and corrections context.

Before coming to the Bar, Diana practised as a solicitor for Aboriginal legal aid in the Northern Territory. She acted in civil matters and inquiries, including for the family of the deceased in a coronial inquest into a death in custody and for a vulnerable witness in the Royal Commission into the Detention and Protection of Children in the Northern Territory. She also has experience as a solicitor in construction litigation in Sydney, acting in complex mining disputes and construction arbitrations.

Selected Cases



- FRM17 v Minister for Home Affairs [2019] FCAFC 148 (application made for special leave) led by G M Watson SC for the respondent on determination of a separate question on whether the Federal Court had jurisdiction to hear the respondent's proceedings.
- Youssef v Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police [2019] NSWCA 272 led by E A Cheeseman SC for the Commissioner, successfully resisted an application for exclusion of property from restraining orders under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cth).
- South 32 Ltd v Allfab Constructions Pty Ltd [2019] NSWCA 132 led by G M Watson SC for the appellant on an appeal concerning contribution between tortfeasors in negligence.
- Stapleton v City of Parramatta Council [2019] NSWSC 123 led by A Moses SC for the Council. Successfully resisted an application for an interlocutory injunction restraining the Council from terminating an employment contract.
- Dunkirk Property Development Pty Ltd v Mosman and Co Pty Ltd [2019] NSWSC 73 unled for the respondent on appeal from the Local Court concerning construction of a real estate agency fee agreement.
- AYX18 (by his litigation representative AYY18) v Minister for Home Affairs [2018] FCA 283 led by G M Watson SC for the applicant. Successfully obtained an interlocutory mandatory injunction for the Minister to bring the applicant's son to Australia for urgent medical treatment.
- Kirby v Dental Council of New South Wales [2018] NSWSC 1869 led by J C Sheller for the plaintiff on an appeal from the Civil and Administrative Tribunal of New South Wales under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (NSW) on issues of procedural fairness and apprehended bias.
- Li v Jin Lian Group Pty Ltd [2018] NSWSC 479 led by A Moses SC for the respondent to the motion, Mills Oakley. Successfully resisted an application restraining solicitors from acting for the plaintiff in winding-up proceedings.
- Hansen Yuncken Pty Ltd v Yuanda Australia Pty Ltd [2018] SASC 158 led by R Fenwick Elliott for the defendant. Successfully resisted an application for judicial review of an adjudicator's decision under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2009 (SA) arising from construction work on the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.