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Admitted to the legal profession
2017

Admitted as a barrister in NSW
2024

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

Thomas accepts briefs in all areas of law. He specialises in class action and regulatory proceedings, commercial and corporate disputes, schemes of arrangement and matters involving issues of conflicts of law.

Before coming to the Bar, Thomas was a Senior Associate at Corrs Chambers Westgarth in the class actions and commercial litigation practice groups. He was named by The Legal 500 as a “Rising Star” in Dispute Resolution (Class Actions) in 2023 and 2024.

From 2019 to 2020, Thomas was Associate to the Hon. Justice Kathleen Farrell of the Federal Court of Australia, while also assisting the Hon. Justice Michael Lee (with whom he has co-authored material for the Australian Law Journal).

Thomas graduated from the University of New South Wales with a Juris Doctor (Distinction) and awarded the Juris Doctor Medal for graduating first in his cohort. He also placed first for Competition Law, Insurance Law, Court Processes, Evidence, and Federal Constitutional Law.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015 – 2019, 2020-2024: Solicitor, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

(Summer clerk: November 2015 – February 2016; Paralegal: February 2016 – March 2017;

Graduate and Lawyer: March 2017 – December 2019; February 2020 – Jun 2020; Associate: July 2020 – June 2021; Senior Associate: July 2021 – April 2024)

2019-2020: Associate to the Hon. Justice Kathleen Farrell, Federal Court of Australia

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

New South Wales Bar Association

Australian Bar Association

PUBLICATIONS

- Chris Pagent, Brad Woodhouse, Alex Ji and Thomas Scott, '[The evolution of class actions in Australia – a wild ride](#)', *Lawyerly*, 10 March 2022
- Thomas Scott and Justice Michael BJ Lee, "[Time For Some “Rough Justice”](#) – Federal Court Makes Common Fund Orders at Settlement Stage in Two Class Actions' (2021) 97(5), *Australian Law Journal*
- Chris Pagent, Brad Woodhouse, Katrina Sleiman and Thomas Scott, '[The top ten class action predictions for 2021](#)', *Lexology* (12 March 2021) (reproduced in *Lawyerly*)
- Chris Pagent, Brad Woodhouse, Katrina Sleiman and Thomas Scott, '[Common fund orders: Full Federal Court considers Brewster](#)', *Lexology* (10 November 2020)
- Chris Pagent, Brad Woodhouse, Katrina Sleiman and Thomas Scott, '[Common fund orders bound by Brewster?](#)', *Lexology* (2 November 2020)
- Chris Pagent, Brad Woodhouse, Katrina Sleiman and Thomas Scott, '[Top ten class action predictions for 2020?](#)', *Lexology* (5 March 2020) (reproduced in *Lawyerly*)
- Thomas Scott, '[Legal wrongdoing not necessarily required for banning orders under credit legislation](#)' (2017) 243, *Corporate Law Bulletin*
- Thomas Scott, '[Determining the interlinked issues once and for all - an accepted basis for leave to cross claim against a plaintiff in liquidation](#)' (2017) 242, *Corporate Law Bulletin*
- Thomas Scott, James Wood and Richard Flitcroft, '[ACCC v We Buy Houses: “You can't buy a house for \\$1”](#) – so-called wealth creation system found to be an expensive and misleading waste of time' (2017) 33(7), *Competition and Consumer Law News*

AWARDS OR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- **2023-2024:** Recognised as a Rising Star by The Legal 500 in Dispute Resolution: Class Actions (2023, 2024).
- **2016:** Recipient of the Juris Doctor Medal.
- **2016:** Recipient of the Bird and Bird Prize for the best performing student in Stage 3 of the Juris Doctor.
- **2016:** First placed in Competition Law, Court Processes, Evidence and Proof, Federal Constitutional Law, and Insurance Law.
- **2010:** Walter Reid Memorial Prize for Academic Merit – University of Sydney

SELECTED CASES

As a solicitor

In the matter of Cirrus Networks Holdings Ltd [2023] NSWSC 1298 (K Sleiman / J Williams SC)

Davis v Quintis (ongoing, Federal Court) (B Woodhouse / J Williams SC, Entwisle)

Wang v Cai [2020] NSWSC 1414 (ongoing) (B Woodhouse / J Williams SC, Yezerski, E Chan)

Re Beyond International Limited (K Sleiman / J Williams SC)

Re Crestone Holdings Limited [2022] 433 (K Sleiman / Jackman SC and P Wood)

Geocon Group v Telstra (ACT Supreme Court) (S Delaney / J Larkings)

Epic Games, Inc v Google LLC (Stay Application) [2022] FCA 66 (S Johnson and J Whittaker / Hutley SC, C Moore SC, Hutton SC, Yezerski, Trahanas)

William Inglis and Son Limited v Australian Turf Club Limited [2022] NSWSC 800 (B Woodhouse / Pike SC and Trahanas)

State of Washington v Johnson and Johnson and Ors [2021] TASSC 65 (J Whittaker / Hutton)

Epic Games, Inc v Apple Inc (2021) 286 FCR 105 (S Johnson and J Whittaker / Hutley SC, Hutton, Yezerski, Trahanas)

In the matter of Computer Room Solutions Pty Limited [2021] NSWSC 845 (M Wilks / Giles SC and Hartford-Davis)

In the matter of iCar Asia Limited [2021] NSWSC 1713 (K Sleiman / D Thomas SC)

In the matter of Coca-Cola Amatil Limited [2021] NSWSC 489 (K Sleiman / J Williams SC)

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Google LLC (No 2) 391 ALR 346 (S Johnson / Brereton SC, Yezerski, Hartford-Davis)

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Australian Institute of Professional Education Pty Ltd (in liq) (No 5) [2021] FCA 1516 (R Flitcroft / Begbie QC and Tynan)

Supabarn Supermarkets Pty Ltd v Cotrell Pty Ltd [2021] ACTCA 2 (S Johnson / Giles SC, Hartford-Davis and Riordan)

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Google LLC (No 2) [2021] FCA 367 (S Johnson / Higgins SC, Yezerski, and Chordia)

Re Cromwell Corporation Limited (A Ross / Hutley SC, Hutton and Hancock)

Bradcorp v Country Garden (NSWCA) (B Woodhouse / Darke SC and Yezerki)

Asirifi-Otchere v Swann Insurance (Aust) Pty Ltd (No 3) [2020] FCA 1885 (M Catchpoole / Hutley SC and WAD Edwards)

ASIC v Helou (No 2) [2020] FCA 1650 (K Sleiman with J Moore QC and S Hooper)

Herridge v Electricity Networks [No 4] [2019] WASC 94 (B Woodhouse / G Watson SC and Emmett SC)

Koundouris v Koundouris (settled, NSWSC Commercial List) (S Johnson / Giles SC, Hartford-Davis and Riordan)

Kazal v Independent Commission Against Corruption [2019] NSWSC 556 (J Whittaker, with Free SC and Herzfeld SC)

Smith v Australian Executor Trustees Limited; Creighton v Australian Executor Trustees Limited (No. 4) [2018] NSWSC 1584 (B Woodhouse / M Darke SC, Lawrance SC and Knowles)

Perera v GetSwift Limited [2018] FCA 732; *Perera v GetSwift Limited* [2018] FCAFC 202 (C Pagent / Sheahan QC, Brereton SC and Hochroth)

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Administrative Law	Conflict of Laws	International Law
Appellate	Contracts	Product Liability
Banking and Financial Services	Corporations and Securities	Partnership Disputes
Class Actions	Environment and Planning	Professional Liability Real Property
Competition and Consumer	Insurance and reinsurance	Shareholder Class Actions

EQUITY

Appellate	Property	Trusts
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COMMON LAW

Appellate

Class Actions

INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissions of Inquiry

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Constitutional Law

Proceeds of Crime

Disciplinary Proceedings

Judicial Review and Administrative Law

Public Law

CRIMINAL

Fraud

Proceeds of crime

White Collar and Corporate Crime