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Admitted to the legal profession

2017

Admitted as a barrister in NSW

2021

Also entitled to practise in

All Australian jurisdictions
(Commonwealth, State and Territory)

Winnie practises widely in commercial and public law.

In commercial law, her practice ranges from significant and complex commercial disputes and class actions to discrete, technically complex, first instance and appellate matters.

Winnie's public law practice comprises judicial review proceedings, regulatory proceedings, proceeds of crime matters and commissions of inquiry.

Winnie appears regularly in intermediate appellate courts throughout Australia, as well as in the Federal Court, NSW Supreme Court, lower courts and tribunals, both led and unled.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Winnie was a solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills, and served as Tipstaff and Associate to the Hon Justice Leeming of the New South Wales Court of Appeal.

Winnie graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons I) in Ancient History and Media and Communications, and a Juris Doctor. She has received a number of academic prizes and scholarships.

Winnie is the recipient of the 2021 Katrina Dawson Award which encourages women to practise at the NSW Bar.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Feb 2017 to April 2021: Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills.

Aug 2018 to Dec 2019: Tipstaff and Associate to the Hon Justice Leeming, New South Wales Court of Appeal.

2018 to 2022: Sessional lecturer in Contracts, Criminal Law and Equity, University of Sydney.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2022-present: New South Wales Bar Association, Diversity and Equality Committee

2022-present: Women Barristers Forum executive

2023-2024: New South Wales Bar Association, New Barristers Committee

2022-2023: New South Wales Bar Association, Bar News Committee

AWARDS OR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2021: Katrina Dawson Award

2016: Ranked 2nd in graduating year for Juris Doctor

2016: Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot, National Rounds, Top Ten Oralist

2015: Zoe Hall Memorial Scholarship

2014 to 2016: Dean's List of Academic Excellence (Law)

2014: LexisNexis Book prize for Most Proficient in Juris Doctor in Year 1

2014: EM Mitchell Prize for Contracts

SELECTED CASES

Appellate matters

[Towney v R \[2025\] NSWCCA 166](#)

Led by Monica Millward, appearing in the Court of Criminal Appeal for the Crown. The case concerned whether the jury's verdict of guilty for attempted murder was inconsistent with that of the co-accused who was acquitted of the same offence in circumstances where the Crown case at trial was that the two accused were in a joint criminal enterprise. The appellant also contended that his sentence was manifestly excessive. Appeal dismissed in respect of both the conviction and sentence.

[KP v Minister for Mental Health \[2025\] NSWCCA 69](#)

Led by Haley Bennett SC, appearing in the Court of Appeal for the Minister for Mental Health. The case concerned the statutory construction of ss 81 and 109 of the *Mental Health and Cognitive Impairment Forensic Provisions Act 2020* (NSW). The Mental Health Review Tribunal revoked the appellant's conditional release order and detained him under the Act after the appellant breached his conditional release order. The appellant contended that the Tribunal did not have power to do so in circumstances where an apprehension order had not been issued by the President of the Tribunal pursuant to s 109 of the Act. The appellant contended that s 109 provided a mandatory pathway for the revocation of conditional release orders. Appeal dismissed.

[AW v R \[2025\] NSWCCA 47](#)

Led by Georgina Wright SC, appearing in the Court of Criminal Appeal for the Crown. The case concerned whether the trial judge misdirected the jury in respect of the evidence admissible

against the appellant and, notwithstanding the misdirection, there was no substantial miscarriage of justice to the jury having found the appellant guilty of murder through extended joint criminal enterprise. Appeal dismissed.

[Bugmy v Director of Public Prosecutions \(NSW\) \[2023\] NSWSC 863; \[2024\] NSWCA 70](#)

Led by Catherine Gleeson SC, appearing in the appeal to the Supreme Court of NSW and to the New South Wales Court of Appeal for the respondent. The case concerned the construction of s 77 of the *Bail Act 2013* (NSW) and the question of whether a police officer could lawfully exercise the power to arrest a person without a warrant who is in breach of bail conditions pursuant to s 77(i) without complying with the requirements of s 77(3) of the Act.

[Odtojan v Condon \[2023\] NSWCA 129](#)

Led by Anthony McInerney SC in leave to appeal hearing in the New South Wales Court of Appeal, appearing for the respondent. Leave to appeal dismissed.

[Beckett v Tax Practitioners Board \[2022\] FCA 930; \[2023\] FCAFC 100](#)

Led by Luke Livingston SC, appearing in the Federal Court and the appeal to the Full Court of the Federal Court for the respondent. Case concerned whether a decision of the AAT affirming a decision of the Tax Practitioners Board to terminate the appellant's tax agent registration was in error. Both appeals dismissed.

[State of New South Wales v Skinner \[2022\] NSWCA 9](#)

Led by D F Jackson KC, appearing in the New South Wales Court of Appeal for the respondent. Case concerned whether the Police Force breached its duty of care to the respondent causing her to suffer major depressive disorder and/or PTSD. The appeal was dismissed. The respondent also succeeded in part on her cross-appeal on a question of contributory negligence.

[Ming v Director of Public Prosecutions \(NSW\) \(2022\) 109 NSWLR 604; \[2022\] NSWCA 209](#)

Led by J Roy, appearing in the New South Wales Court of Appeal for the respondent. The applicant sought judicial review of a District Court decision alleging error by reason of inadequacy of reasons, constructive failure to exercise jurisdiction and lack of procedural fairness. The applicant also contended that these errors amounted to jurisdictional error. Appeal dismissed.

Matters in the Supreme Court of New South Wales

[Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police v Xin & Ors \(2023/3225\)](#)

Currently acting for the Commissioner of the AFP in proceeds of crime proceedings against 20 defendants, appearing regularly in motions, examinations and directions as the matter progresses including in the follow motions:

1. *Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Xin* [2024] NSWSC 891
2. *Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Xin* [2024] NSWSC 851
3. *Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Xin* [2023] NSWSC 599

[Tara Global Pty Ltd v Official Trustee in Bankruptcy & Ors \(2023/263865\)](#)

Currently acting for the Official Trustee in Bankruptcy and the Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police as defendants in negligence proceedings commenced by the plaintiff in the Common Law Division. The plaintiff alleges that the Official Trustee in Bankruptcy negligently

managed the plaintiff's property restrained under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth) causing it loss.

[Empireal Ltd \(in liq\) \(receivers and managers appointed\) \(ACN 606 481 912\) v Leslie Janusz Hooker \(2023/234844\)](#)

Currently acting for the plaintiff in proceedings commenced in the Corporations List against Leslie Janusz Hooker for breach of directors' and fiduciary duties. The matter was heard in December 2025 and currently reserved before Nixon J.

[Application of Murray Irrigation Ltd \[2024\] NSWSC 186](#)

Led by Miles Condon SC, appearing for the plaintiff in an application for the appointment and removal of trustees pursuant to s 70 of the *Trustee Act 1925* (NSW). Relief granted.

[Tsai v Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Ltd \(NSW\) \[2023\] NSWSC 604](#)

Led by Charles Colquhoun SC, appearing for the plaintiffs in an application Norwich Pharmacal orders in support of representative proceedings commenced in Hong Kong. Orders sought granted.

[Zahed v Director of Public Prosecutions \(NSW\) \[2023\] NSWSC 368](#)

Led by Luke Livingston SC, appearing for the respondent in appeal hearing pursuant to the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001* (NSW) involving a question of construction of s 15A of the *Director of Public Prosecution Act 1986* (NSW).

Federal Court of Australia

[CEO of AUSTRAC v Mt Pritchard & District Community Club Ltd \(NSD1310/2025\)](#)

Acting for AUSTRAC in relation to civil penalty proceedings commenced against Mt Pritchard & District Community Club Ltd (Mounties) for contraventions of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (Cth).

[Otto Dann & Anor v Chief Executive Officer \(Housing\) \(NTD 24/2022\)](#)

Acting for the Chief Executive Officer (Housing) of the Northern Territory in representative proceedings, in which it is alleged that the respondent through the provision of remote public housing engaged in breaches to the terms of various tenancy agreements and unconscionable conduct, and contravened the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth).

[Epic Games, Inc v Google LLC \[2025\] FCA 901](#)

Appeared in proceedings commenced by Epic Games against Google (representing Google) alleging contraventions of ss 45, 46 and 47 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). Also appeared in related class action proceeding. Led by Cameron Moore SC and Robert Yezerski SC.

[Karpic v Carnival plc \(The Ruby Princess\) \(Initial Trial\) \[2023\] FCA 1280](#)

Led by Ian Pike SC and appeared in representative proceedings for the applicants. The case concerned the infection of passenger with Covid-19 on board the *Ruby Princess*. The applicants' claims included failure to comply with ss 60 and 61 of the Australian Consumer Law, and negligence.

[CEO of AUSTRAC v Crown Melbourne Ltd \(NSD 134/2022\); CEO of AUSTRAC v SkyCity Adelaide Pty Ltd \(NSD 1046/2022\)](#)

Acted for AUSTRAC in relation to civil penalty proceedings against Crown, and separately

SkyCity Adelaide, for contraventions of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (Cth).

Supreme Court of Queensland

[Johnston & Ors v Carroll \(Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service\) \[2024\] QSC 2](#)

Led by Dominic Villa SC, appearing for the applicants in judicial review proceedings concerning whether the Police Commissioner was empowered to give a direction to police officers and staff members requiring vaccination against Covid-19. Found in favour of the applicants that the Commissioner's direction was unlawful under s 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld).

Other matters

[Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability](#)

Appeared in public hearing rounds 23 and 32 of the Disability Royal Commission representing service provider, the Australian Foundation for Disability (Afford).

Appeared in public hearing round 30 of the Disability Royal Commission on Guardianship, Substituted and Supported Decision-Making, as Counsel Assisting.

[New South Wales Electoral Commission v Chiming Shea \(2023/242629\)](#)

Appeared for the Commission as prosecutor in sentencing hearing (Local Court of Hornsby) instructed by the Crown Solicitor's Office.

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate

Banking and Financial Services

Building, Construction and Technology

Class Actions

Competition and Consumer

Contracts

Corporations and Securities

Product Liability

Shareholder Class Action

EQUITY

Appellate

Trusts

COMMON LAW

Appellate

Class Actions

Medical Negligence

Product Liability

CRIMINAL

Appellate

Fraud

Proceeds of Crime

White Collar and Corporate Crime