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QUALIFICATIONS

2019 - 2020Master of Law (Hons) - University of Cambridge

- Papers: international commercial litigation; law of restitution; advanced private law; and legislation.
- Satisfied the examiners in commercial law.

Bachelor of Arts (Media & Communications)/Bachelor of Laws 2011 - 2016(Hons) – University of Sydney

Prizes and scholarships

- Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance (2016);
- International Exchange Scholarships (2016 and 2014);
- Academic Merit Prize (2016 and 2013);
- Winner, Justice Gummow Cup (intervarsity equity moot, 2015);
- Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Exchange Scholarship (2014);
- Marion Macaulay Bequest Scholarship (2014);
- Stephen Salsbury Prize for the Relationship of Economics to Politics (2012); and
- Catherine Lumby Prize for Excellence in Media and Communication Studies (2011).

Exchange programs:

- Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands (2016).
- Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., United States (2014).

ADMISSIONS

May 2022 Barrister, New South Wales.

Oct 2017 Lawyer, Supreme Court of New South Wales.

PROFESSIONAL WORK

2022 -**Barrister – 5 Wentworth Chambers**

Areas of practice:

- Banking & finance
- Bankruptcy & insolvency
- Contracts & commercial Real property
- Corporations
- Equity & trusts
- Public & private international law
- Public law
- Trade practices

Committees:

- NSW Bar Association Wellbeing Committee (2022 present).
- NSW Bar Association New Barristers Committee (2023 2024).

2021 – 2022 Associate – Allens (with secondment to the Dispute Resolution Group at the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited)

- Acting for the Bank in commercial litigation and regulatory investigations spanning various areas of commercial law.
- Matters before various courts and tribunals, mainly state Supreme Courts.

2020 – 2021 Lawyer – Arnold Bloch Leibler

- Practice in the litigation division, focusing on general commercial litigation and white-collar crime.
- Matters spanned various jurisdictions including the Local Court, the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the Federal Court of Australia.

2018 – 2019 Lawyer – Gilbert + Tobin

- Rotations in the litigation and tax practice groups.
- Practice in commercial litigation in various courts and tribunals and acted for Westpac in the Banking Royal Commission.
- Advised on tax implications of various proposed banking and corporate transactions.
- Practice in pro bono matters including advice nights at Marrickville Legal Centre; advice and litigation for the Refugee Advice and Casework Service; and wills and estates for First Nations clients.

2017 – 2019; Casual Academic – University of Sydney

2021 Examiner in Federal Constitutional Law under supervision of Professor Gerangelos.

2017 – 2018 Associate – The Hon. Justice Farrell, Federal Court of Australia

2015 – 2016 Summer clerk and paralegal – Gilbert + Tobin

Secondment in July and August 2016 as intern at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) in its criminal law division in Katherine, the Northern Territory.

2014 – 2015 Paralegal – Australian Securities Exchange Limited (ASX)

2013 Intern Journalist – The Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun-Herald (Fairfax Media)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

2021 Fabian Di Lizia, 'The Requirement of Property or Possessory Rights for

Relief Against Forfeiture' (2021) 95 Australian Law Journal 641.

Fabian Di Lizia, 'More Than Just a Humble Abode: The Implications of

Constitutional Citizenship Rights for Passport Law' (2018) 44(1)

University of Western Australia Law Review 116.

OTHER LANGUAGES

Italian: fluent proficiency. French: basic proficiency.

Spanish: elementary proficiency.

SELECT CASES

Corporations and insolvency

- Re Greek Orthodox Parish and Community of St Demetrios, St Marys and District Limited (Supreme Court of NSW, Black J, unreported, 19 December 2024) (led by T Bagley for the receivers of the assets and undertaking of the Parish orders for remuneration).
- Starbelle Energy Pty Ltd ATF the Cronulla Coal Unit Trust v Louttit (Liquidator) [2024] FCA 1172 (led by M L Rose for the plaintiff removal of liquidator).
- Smart EV Solutions Pty Ltd v Guy (No 2) [2024] FCA 1102 (unled for the applicants/cross-respondents application for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of corporations).
- Diakovasili & Anor v Order of AHEPA NSW Incorporated [2023] NSWSC 1282 (led by M Friedgut for the plaintiffs/applicants general law derivative action).
- *OL1 Pty Ltd (in liq) v OLG 1 Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2022] NSWSC 1199; 164 ACSR 171 (led by A J Macauley for the plaintiff breach of directors' duties; contract; limitation of actions).

Equity and trusts

- *Teterin v Linrod Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1635 (led by T O'Brien for the first and fourth defendants application to remove trustee; alleged breach of fiduciary duties).
- Guo v Yufeng Investment Group (Australia) Pty Ltd [2024] NSWSC 1599 (led by J Kay Hoyle SC for the first and fourth defendants claim for breach of joint venture agreement; fiduciary duties).

- Engadine Medical Imaging Services Pty Ltd ATF the Engadine Unit Trust v Ibrahim [2024] NSWSC 1399 (led by G A Sirtes SC for the third to sixth defendants alleged breaches of fiduciary duties and joint venture).
- *Mao v Bao* [2024] HCASL 110 (led by H Stowe for the respondent equitable set-off; *Brickenden* principle).

Property law

- ReoSteel Holdings Pty Ltd v AonAri PT10 Pty Ltd (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by G A Sirtes SC for the plaintiff commercial lease).
- GMDA Pty Ltd ATF the GMD Family Trust v Baladi (Supreme Court of NSW) (led by M Pesman SC for the plaintiff application for sale of property under s 66G Conveyancing Act 1919 (NSW); injunction; alleged breach of fiduciary duties).
- Wang v Owners SP 100242 (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Senior Member de Jersey, unreported, 20 March 2024) (unled for the respondent claim under s 106(5) of the Strata Schemes Management Act 2015 (NSW)).
- Syndicate Mortgage Securities Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Police of NSW (District Court, Anderson SC DCJ, unreported, 18 April 2024) (led by C Parkin for the appellant application for disposal of gold bullion pursuant to s 219 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibility) Act 2002 (NSW); appeal to Supreme Court of NSW ongoing).
- Rofe Way Pty Ltd v Ronald in her capacity as administrator of the estate of the late Anthony Charles Ronald [2023] NSWSC 1086 (unled for the plaintiff/applicant application for removal of caveat; injunction).
- Aust-One Investment Pty Ltd v New World Investments Pty Ltd [2023] NSWCA 22; 111 NSWLR 39; 20 BPR 42,861 (led by A J Macauley for the appellant positive covenants; conditional easements; conditional benefit principle).

Commercial and contract

- Starbelle Energy Pty Ltd ATF the Cronulla Coal Unit Trust v Madsen & Ors (Federal Court of Australia, ongoing) (led by J Giles SC and M L Rose for the plaintiff misleading or deceptive conduct; breach of contract; fiduciary duties; accessorial liability; unconscionability).
- TQM Design & Construct Pty Ltd v Entire Concrete Pty Ltd [2024] NSWDC 502 (unled for the defendant claim for breach of contract for delivery of defective goods).
- Sydney Glass Lifters Pty Ltd v Black Widow Australia Pty Ltd (Local Court, Magistrate Toose, unreported, 20 September 2023) (unled for the defendant/cross-claimant claim for debt/breach of contract).

Building and construction

• Remedial Building Services Australia Pty Ltd v Owners SP No. 14364 (Local Court, Magistrate Brender, unreported, 19 December 2024) (unled – for the defendant – claim under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999 (NSW)).

- Owners SP No. 92283 v Aushome Construction Pty Ltd (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Senior Member Ellis SC, unreported, 18 April 2024) (unled for the applicant renewal of proceedings where claim for building defects).
- A confidential arbitration proceeding concerning a large road project (International Chamber of Commerce, Singapore seat) (led by J Giles SC, M Sheldon and K Sutton).

Practice and procedure

- *Rahman v Zeaiter* [2024] NSWSC 1082 (unled for the respondent leave to appeal from NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal; residential tenancy).
- Guan v Vic Holding Group Pty Ltd (Supreme Court of NSW, Elkaim AJ, unreported, 26 September 2023) (unled for the respondent/plaintiff security for costs).
- Romanos v Punjabi Fusion Group Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 1119 (unled for the respondents/applicants motion to transfer proceedings to NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal; lease dispute).
- Advance Investments & Financial Services Group Pty Ltd v IPG Group Pty Ltd [2023] NSWSC 961 (unled for the respondent/plaintiff– motion to set aside default judgment).
- Profitability Consulting Pty Ltd v High Country Group (Australia) Pty Ltd [2023] NSWCATAP 4 (unled for the applicant stay pending appeal; standing to appeal).
- *Mace Central Pty Ltd v Franco* [2022] NSWSC 1463 (unled for the plaintiff court approval of settlement).

Miscellaneous

- Dayadaya v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2024] FCA 1284 (unled for the applicant (pro bono) judicial review of decision to cancel a visa).
- *Marino v Building Commission NSW* [2024] NSWCATOD 95 (unled review of a decision to refuse a licence pursuant to the *Home Building Act 1989* (NSW); see [2024] NSWCATOD 123 for determination regarding costs).
- R v Lazar (District Court, Townsden DCJ, unreported, 12 May 2023) (led by C Parkin for the defendant application pursuant to Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1967 (NSW)).
- *R v Lazar* (District Court, Townsden DCJ, unreported, 30 November 2022) (led by C Parkin for the defendant theft of cattle; making of a false statement).
- *R v Lazar* (District Court, Townsden DCJ, unreported, 2 September 2022) (led by C Parkin for the defendant directed acquittal).