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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.

2011 - 2016Bachelor of Arts (Media & Communications)/Bachelor of Laws (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 present).

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

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

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

- In the matter of Balamara Resources Ltd (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by D L Williams SC and A J Macauley for the plaintiffs injunction; oppression; breach of directors' duties).
- *In the matter of Kanebridge Investments Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of NSW) (unled for the plaintiff reregistration and winding up of company).
- 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 (led by A J Macauley for the plaintiff breach of directors' duties; contract; limitation of actions).

Equity and trusts

- *Mao v Bao* (application for special leave to the High Court of Australia, ongoing) (led by H Stowe for the respondent equitable set-off; *Brickenden* principle).
- *Teterin v Linrod Pty Ltd & Ors* (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by H Stowe for the first and fourth defendants administration of trust; construction of trust documents).
- Engadine Medical Imaging Services Pty Ltd ATF the Engadine Unit Trust & Ors v Ibrahim & Ors (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (led by G A Sirtes SC for the third to sixth defendants alleged breaches of fiduciary duties and joint venture).

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).
- Rahman v Zeaiter (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (unled for the respondent leave to appeal from NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal; residential tenancy).

- 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).
- Police v Lazar & Ors (Local Court, Magistrate Arms, unreported, 31 July 2023) (led by C Parkin for the respondent application for disposal of gold bullion pursuant to s 219 of the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibility) Act 2002 (NSW)); appeal to District Court ongoing, led by C Parkin.
- Aust-One Investment Pty Ltd v New World Investments Pty Ltd (2023) 111 NSWLR 39; 20 BPR 42,861; [2023] NSWCA 22 (led by A J Macauley for the appellant positive covenants; conditional easements; conditional benefit principle).

Commercial and contract

- *Malouf Enterprises Pty Ltd v TileCloud Pty Ltd* (Local Court) (unled for the defendant claim for breach of contract).
- 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).
- Geveko Markings Australia Pty Ltd v Global Linemarking Services Pty Ltd (Local Court) (unled for the defendant cross/claimant claim for debt/breach of contract).

Building and construction

- Owners SP 92283 v Aushome Construction Pty Ltd & Anor (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, ongoing) (unled for the applicant renewal of building defects proceedings).
- Owners SP 92306 & 92307 v Celex Pty Ltd & Ors (Supreme Court of NSW, ongoing) (unled for the plaintiffs building defects (Home Building Act 1989 (NSW); application to proceed against defendants in liquidation).
- 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).
- Owners SP No. 3844 v Easy Trades Australia Pty Ltd (NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, part heard, Senior Member Ziegler) (unled for the respondent building defects (Home Building Act 1989 (NSW)).

Practice and procedure

- 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 plaintiff/respondent 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).
- Leton Group Pty Ltd v Knight Frank Australia Pty Ltd (District Court) (unled for the defendant application to set aside a subpoena).

Miscellaneous

- Dayadaya v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs (Federal Court of Australia, Meagher J, reserved) (unled for the applicant (pro bono) judicial review of decision to cancel a visa).
- R v Lazar (District Court, Judge Townsden, 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, Judge Townsden, unreported, 30 November 2022) (led by C Parkin for the defendant theft of cattle; making of a false statement).
- R v Lazar (District Court, Judge Townsden, unreported, 2 September 2022) (led by C Parkin for the defendant directed acquittal).

Current as at 5 February 2024.