

## **ADMISSIONS**

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Solicitor 2010  
Barrister 2024

## **EDUCATION**

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**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY  
LL.M. in International Legal Studies, 2018

Honours: Jerome Lipper Award for Distinction in International Legal Studies 2018 (ranked first overall in LL.M.); Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, International Law and Human Rights Fellow 2018; First place in State Courts and Appellate Advocacy (A+); Dean's Graduate Award 2017-2018 (scholarship)

**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**, Sydney, Australia

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) *First Class Honours* with Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (politics major), April 2010

Honours: Class rank 1/239  
University Medal for best graduating student in law, 2010; John Peden Memorial Prize for the highest weighted average mark in law units, 2010; Dean's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Law, 2010; First place in Constitutional and Administrative Law II, 2006; First place in Law in Property and Equity I, 2006; NSW Bar Association Prize for Jessup International Law Moot, 2010; Global Citizenship Scholar, 2008; Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition, Best Oralist, Australian national rounds, 2010

**CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS**, Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (course component only), Malaysia, 2013 (funded place as prize for winning the ACICA Young Lawyers International Arbitration Moot)

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**12 WENTWORTH SELBORNE CHAMBERS**, Sydney  
*Barrister*, May 2024 -

**CROWN SOLICITOR'S OFFICE**, Sydney

*Senior Solicitor*, Constitutional and Administrative Law Team, December 2022 – May 2024

Advising on matters of statutory construction, administrative review and constitutional law. Acting and appearing for state government departments in proceedings before the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal and New South Wales Supreme Court (judicial review). Appearing at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal in relation to *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) matters, *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW) and prohibition notices under Pt 7, Div 3 of the *Children (Education and Care Services) National Law 2010* (NSW). Instructing and advising in relation to Pt 7, Div 3 *Education Act 1900* matters before the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal regarding requirement that schools not operate for profit. Instructing and advising in relation to matters concerning the *Public Health Act 2010* (NSW).

**MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**, Sydney

*Academic Tutor* 2011; 2022

Evidence Law (2022), Contracts (2011), Property in Law and Equity I and II (2011)

*Coach* 2011

Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court team (Macquarie)

## **GRATA FUND, Sydney**

*Head of Strategic Litigation Development*, September 2018 – December 2021 (parental leave November 2019-January 2021)

Grata Fund is a charitable organisation that funds public interest litigation. My work contributed to the organisation's support of, inter alia, *Hocking v Director-General of the National Archives of Australia* [2020] HCA 19 ('Palace Letters' case); *Pabai v Commonwealth of Australia* (Federal Court proceedings before Mortimer CJ, VID 622/2021 – claim by two leaders from the Torres Strait against the Commonwealth for climate change impacts; and *Young v Chief Executive Officer (Housing)* [2023] HCA 31 - claim for compensation for inadequate housing brought by residents of Ltyentye Apurte, a remote First Nations community in the Northern Territory.

## **SOUTH ASIAN CENTRE FOR LEGAL STUDIES, Colombo, Sri Lanka**

*Fellow*, June – August 2018

As a recipient of NYU's Center for Human Rights and Global Justice International Law and Human Rights fellowship. SACLs is a transitional justice organisation in Colombo, that engaged in advocacy, outreach and reporting activities.

## **ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, Sydney, Australia**

*Senior Legal Officer*, June 2015 – July 2017, *Legal Officer*, November 2014 – June 2015

Senior lawyer on two of the Commission's public hearings into the response of Australian Catholic Church authorities to historical allegations of child sexual abuse:

\*Case Study 35: Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne – Counsel Assisting: Gail Furness SC and Stephen Free SC; and

\*Case Study 43: Catholic Church authorities in Maitland-Newcastle – Counsel Assisting: Stephen Free SC.

## **SYDNEY UNIVERSITY**

*Assistant Coach* 2014

Willelm C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot

## **CLAYTON UTZ LAWYERS, Sydney, Australia**

*International Arbitration and Construction Lawyer*, October 2010 – January 2011, February 2013 – November 2014

Acted as Tribunal Secretary for Professor Doug Jones AO on 13 international arbitrations administered under ICC Rules, DIAC Rules, LCIA Rules, SIAC Rules and an ad-hoc arbitration pursuant to the UNCITRAL Rules. Also acted for the State and other Principal Contractors in construction disputes in relation to Security of Payment Act claims and litigation.

**TIPSTAFF AND RESEARCH DIRECTOR** to Justice J L B Allsop AO, then President of the NSW Court of Appeal, Sydney, January 2011 – December 2012

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Justice J L B Allsop AO and L Dargan, 'The History of Bankruptcy Law in England and Australia' in J T Gleeson, J A Watson and E Peden (eds) *Historical Foundations of Australian Law Vol II*, Federation Press, 2013

Justice J L B Allsop AO and L Dargan, 'The Central Role of Insurance in Modern Society and in the Development of the Law' (2013) 24(1) *Insurance Law Journal*, 1-5

L Dargan, 'It's Personal – the 'Palace Letters' to Remain Hidden and So Too Will Scrutiny of Constitutional Process' on AUSPUBLAW (27 February 2019) <https://auspublaw.org/2019/02/its-personal-the-palace-letters-to-remain-hidden>

L Dargan, '[Dangerous and undemocratic': Reworked espionage laws criminalise dissent](#) *Sydney Morning Herald* (16 June 2019)