

JAMES NORTON

Barrister

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ADMISSIONS

2025	New South Wales Bar Barrister
2017	Supreme Court of New South Wales Solicitor

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 – present	12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers Barrister
2023 – 2025	Allens Associate, Disputes and Investigations
2017 – 2024 (intermittent)	University of Sydney Lecturer/Tutor in Contracts, Torts and Foundations of Law
2022 – 2023	Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW) Solicitor
2021 – 2022	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Qld) Solicitor
2018	Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales Tipstaff to the Hon Ronald Sackville AO KC
2017	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Intern, Australian Embassy Berlin
2015 – 2016	(Variously) Allens; Linklaters; Australian Government Solicitor Law Clerk/Paralegal

EDUCATION

2020	Master of Public Policy University of Oxford
2019	Bachelor of Civil Law University of Oxford

2017	Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice Australian National University
	Bachelor of Laws UNSW
	Bachelor of International Studies UNSW
2010	Higher School Certificate Wagga Wagga High School

Awards, scholarships and extracurriculars

- Rhodes Scholarship (New South Wales and Magdalen, 2018)
- Executive Editor (2015) and Editorial Board Member (2012–2016) of the *UNSW Law Journal*
- HSF Prize for best performance in Stage 3 of UNSW Bachelor of Laws program (2013)
- Goethe Prize for best performance in German Studies at UNSW (2012)
- Law Society of New South Wales Prize for best performance in Stage 1 of UNSW Bachelor of Laws program (2011)
- Dux of Wagga Wagga High School (2010)

OVERVIEW OF MATTERS (AS SOLICITOR)

Commercial litigation

- Broad commercial practice comprising contractual disputes, real property disputes and class actions.
- Selected matter judgments:
 - *Fisher v BT Funds Management Ltd* [2024] FCA 1166 (notices to group members of discontinuance application in representative proceeding)
 - *Fisher v BT Funds Management Ltd (No 2)* [2024] FCA 1340 (approval of discontinuance of representative proceeding)

Criminal law

- Appearances in summary hearings, sentences, bail applications and appeals across the Local and District Courts of New South Wales (in prosecution) and the Magistrates and District Courts of Queensland (in defence).
- Instructing solicitor in trials in the District Court of New South Wales.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 'Treating Chance Consistently: Recasting the Approach to Causation and Damage in Negligence' (2019) 42 *Melbourne University Law Review* 954

LANGUAGES

English; German (fluent – C2); Spanish (intermediate – B1); Polish (novice – A2)