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ADMISSIONS

2025	New South Wales Bar (Barrister)
2023	Supreme Court of New South Wales (Solicitor)
2020	State of California (Lawyer)
2019	State of New York (Lawyer)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 – Present	12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers Barrister
2025 – Present	University of Technology Faculty of Law Casual Academic teaching Ethics, Law and Justice
2024 – 2025	Federal Court of Australia Associate to the Hon Nye Perram
2023 – 2024	Herbert Smith Freehills Senior Associate in Class Actions
2020 – 2023	King & Spalding LLP Associate in Commercial Litigation
2019 – 2020	U.S. District Court, Southern District of California Associate to the Hon Gonzalo P Curiel
2018 – 2019	Center for Appellate Litigation Appellate Counsel
2017	American Civil Liberties Union Law Clerk in the Speech, Privacy & Technology Project
2016 – 2017	Federal Defenders of New York and of San Diego Law Clerk
2016	U.S. Department of Justice Law Clerk
2013 – 2015	Deloitte Consulting Management Consultant

EDUCATION

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| 2018 | Juris Doctor
New York University (NYU) School of Law |
| 2012 | Bachelors of Literature (Major) and Philosophy (Minor)
University of Chicago |

Awards, Scholarships and other Distinctions

- Dean John Sexton Graduation Prize at NYU Law (*awarded annually for significant contributions to the law school and NYU community*)
- Derrick Bell Scholarship for Public Service at NYU Law (*awarded annually for demonstrated commitment to public service and social justice*)
- NYU Social Sector Diversity Fellowship at NYU Law (*selected for competitive leadership program drawn from all NYU graduate programs*)
- Howell Murray Alumni Association Award from the University of Chicago (*highest honour for graduates, awarded for outstanding contributions to the university*)

OVERVIEW OF MATTERS AS A SOLICITOR

Commercial litigation

- Broad commercial practice comprising contractual disputes, class actions, competition claims and matters relating to directors' duties.
- Among other matters, acted for:
 - a global building company defending allegations that it engaged in misleading and deceptive conduct and breached its continuous disclosure obligations through representations to the Australian market regarding its US business;
 - a domestic energy company defending allegations that it breached its disclosure obligations and made certain announcements regarding its financial outlook and performance metrics that were allegedly misleading and deceptive to investors;
 - a global advertising technology company against claims of anticompetitive conduct, tortious interference, and theft of confidential materials;
 - a private equity group against investors' claims for breaches of fiduciary duty and contract triggered by an investment fund's liquidation; and
 - an international cyber-security company defending claims by US social media companies that certain software for government clients breached their terms of service and violated various privacy and cyber security laws.

Criminal law

- Acted for individuals in New York and California defending criminal charges or appealing convictions, including for drug, weapons, domestic violence, public corruption, immigration and other offences (e.g. identity theft).

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages English (fluent); Spanish (fluent); Portuguese (novice)

Publications *Parent Companies Can Expect More Suits Over Foreign Subsidiaries*, LAW360 (2021); *Suspicious to Whom? Reforming the Suspicious Activity Reporting Program to Better Protect Privacy and Prevent Discrimination*, 43 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 611 (2019)