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Areas of Practice

- Appellate
- Arbitration
- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy and Insolvency
- Class Actions and Representative Proceedings
- Commercial Law
- Common Law (major torts)
- Consumer Law
- Contractual Disputes
- Corporations and Securities
- Defamation and Media
- Disciplinary
- Equity and Trusts
- Insurance
- Public law, Administrative Law, Judicial Review
- Professional liability
- Real Estate

Educational Qualifications

B.A. (Melb); LL.B. (Hons) (Melb); LL.M. (Melb); MCI Arb.

Professional Experience & Memberships

May 2023 – present:	Chair, Victorian Bar, Readers’ Course Committee (body responsible for accrediting and training new barristers in Victoria)
December 2021 - May 2023	Deputy Chair, Victorian Bar, Readers’ Course Committee
December 2019 - present	Member Victorian Bar, Readers’ Course Committee
2019	Federal Court of Australia Commercial & Corporations National Practice Area User Group
29 November 2018:	Appointed Senior Counsel
October 2009 – October 2010:	Victorian Bar Council
20 November 2003:	Signed Victorian Bar Roll
2001 - 2003:	Solicitor Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, London, UK.
1998- 2001:	Minter Ellison, Melbourne, Victoria.
4 October 1999:	Admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Overview:

Experienced advocate with an extensive practice as leading counsel at trial level and on appeal. Practises in the State Supreme Courts and the Federal Court of Australia predominantly in commercial law, industrial law, corporations law, insolvency, insurance, public law, and major torts cases.

Significant experience in media and defamation cases. Also experienced acting for and against regulators civil penalty proceedings.

Experience in class actions, representative proceedings, multi-jurisdictional litigation, freezing orders, fraud and asset tracing claims, disciplinary proceedings and stay applications.

Qualified mediator accepting appointments to mediate disputes in the superior courts.

Selection of cases:

Current Class Actions

Jade Elliott Carde & Ors v McDonalds Australia Ltd & Ors (McDonald’s Breaks Litigation) – Current – Major class action involving approximately 350,000 group members and allegations of contravention of workplace obligations. Acting for approximately 320 licensees/franchisees.

Singh & Ors v Kentucky Fried Chicken Pty Ltd & Ors; Westgarth & Ors v Kentucky Fried Chicken Pty Ltd & Ors – Current - Major class action involving allegations of contraventions of workplace obligations. Acting for franchisee with multiple stores.

Rogers (SDA) and ors v McDonalds Australia Ltd & Ors – Current – (McDonald's managers litigation) Major class action involving allegations of contraventions of workplace obligations. Acting for approximately 320 licensees/franchisees.

Yasmin v Commonwealth of Australia [2023] FCA 1661 – *Scheme administration phase* – Acting for applicant in successful claim on behalf of over 250 Indonesian children wrongfully detained or jailed by Commonwealth of Australia.

Current Appeals

Lew & Anor v Yap & Ors – SCV Court of Appeal, current. Acting (as intervening party) for senior counsel formerly briefed by respondents, in application for leave to appeal based in part on allegations relating to senior counsel's conduct of the matter in the trial division.

Valmorbida v Les Denny Pty Ltd – SCV Court of Appeal, current. Acting for applicants in application/appeal in relation to a disputed prescriptive easement.

Tavis Magriplis-Hampton v MM LP Holding – SCV Court of Appeal, current. Acting for respondent in in application/appeal related to advocate's immunity.

Selection of major trials

Mond v The Age Company Pty Limited and ors [2025] FCA 442. Successful complex defamation trial for plaintiff against major media interests.

GJB Building Pty Ltd v AI&PB Property Pty Ltd [2023] VSC 782. Lengthy and complex commercial trial involving allegations of misleading and deceptive conduct, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty as well as causation and loss issues arising from the sale of a building business.

Coonwarra v CornoNero [2023] VSC 781. Lengthy and complex commercial trial involving allegations of breach of fiduciary duty in the context of a joint venture property development, misleading and deceptive conduct, contractual breach, as well as causation and loss issues.

Finance & Guarantee Company Pty Ltd v Auswild [2019] VSC 664. Successful defence of a managing director in relation to a complex multi-party dispute involving alleged breaches of director's duties.

ASIC v Wooldridge [2019] FCAFC 172; *Lewski v Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC)* (2016) 246 FCR 200. Complex proceedings brought by ASIC in the Federal Court of Australia and Full Court seeking civil penalties against directors arising from the collapse of a Managed Investment Scheme operating the Prime Trust aged care real estate trust.

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