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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appellate
- Common Law
- Commercial Law
- Competition and Consumer Law
- Criminal Law
- Family Law
- Guardianship
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals and Commissions
- Public Law and Administrative Law

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2008: LL.B (Australian National University), BA (Australian National University)

12 December 2008: admitted to practice as an Australian Legal Practitioner, Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

2011: LL.M (Legal Practice) (Australian National University)

25 October 2012: Signed Victorian Bar Roll

MATTERS

I practise in a diverse range of practice areas and appear in all Victorian state courts and tribunals, and the Federal Courts. My practice includes prosecution and defence work in criminal law, inquiries, property and childrens' matters in family law, and personal injury cases. Along with advice work, I regularly appear in court in city, suburban and regional areas, led and unled. I also appear in proceedings before the Medical Board.

Royal Commission experience:

Since January 2019: Counsel Assisting, Royal Commission into Aged Care Safety and Quality

Criminal law matters include:

October – December 2018: *"A review into the Office of Public Prosecution's prosecution of Peter Glenn Pryse 1997 – 1999, with a consideration of changes to the consultative processes involving victims and of changes to recording and documentation processes at the Office of Public Prosecutions."* The review

was commissioned by the Solicitor for the Office of Public Prosecutions (Victoria) following the publication of an article in *The Age* newspaper regarding the failure of the OPP to keep a proper record and to communicate with teenage complainants in a sexual assault case in regional Victoria in 1999, led by Jeremy Ruskin QC.

May 2018: *R v Humphrey John Polycarp Gomes*, Supreme Court of Tasmania before Estcourt J, acting for the accused, a general medical practitioner charged with multiple counts of dishonestly obtaining financial advantage under the *Commonwealth Criminal Code* 1995 in respect of false claims made under the Medicare scheme, led by Dr Timothy McEvoy QC.

February – September 2018: *Operation Kursk*. *Operation Kursk* concerned the prosecution of eleven co-accused charged with high, mid and low-level drug trafficking offences, weapons, driving and dishonesty offences in North Eastern Victorian, primarily in Wangaratta, in the Magistrates' and County Court of Victoria, led by Max Perry.

28 July 2015 – August 2017: *Operation Juliet 1*. *Operation Juliet 1* concerned the prosecution of twenty-seven co-accused charged with high, mid and low-level drug trafficking offences, the manufacture of methamphetamines, trafficking of firearms and other weapons, driving and dishonesty offences in North Eastern Victoria, primarily in Wangaratta, in the Magistrates' and County Court of Victoria. See for example: *DPP v Fogarty* [2016] VCC 207, led by Max Perry.

Since 2013: Subpoena arguments, including claims of public interest immunity on behalf of Office of the Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police, along with personal safety and family violence intervention order applications and firearms related matters.

Since November 2012: Prosecution of matters for the Victorian Director of Public Prosecutions in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria, and County Court of Victoria including trials, pleas, contested hearings, applications, appeals.

Other criminal and quasi criminal work includes various prosecution matters for offending under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* 1996 and *Retirement Villages Act* 1986. Along with applications brought under the *Victims of Crime Assistance* 1996, compensation claims brought under the *Residential Tenancies Act* 1997, matters under the *Children, Youth and Families Act* 2005 and intervention order proceedings.

Common law matters include:

Notman v Wesfarmers & Anor [2016] VSC 457, entitlement to contribution between insurers under section 23B of the *Wrongs Act* 1958, led by Christopher Blanden QC.

Bonilla v Transport Accident Commission [2015] VCC 1548, serious injury application concerning the aggravation of pre-existing mental health problems, disentanglement of injury, credit issues, led by Andrew Moulds QC.

Victorian Workcover Authority v Everspur Pty Ltd (T/A Pierce Plumbing) 2014, before Zammit AsJ recovery action by the Victorian Workcover Authority against an employer under section 138 *Accident Compensation Act* 1985.

Victorian Workcover Authority v Centro Property Management (Vic) [2013] VSC 587, recovery action by the Victorian Workcover Authority against an employer under section 138 *Accident Compensation Act* 1985, duty of care owed by defendant to worker, apportionment of liability, led by Christopher Blanden QC.

Agalidis v Topouzoglou [2013] VCC 851, common law damages trial, *Wrongs Act* 1958, duty of care, plaintiff failed to establish breach of duty of care by the defendant, led by Christopher Blanden QC.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020: Appointment to International Advocacy Training Committee, Victorian Bar

July 2019: Advocacy Instructor, Victorian Bar delegation to the Legal Training Institute, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

2019: Appointment to Student Engagement Committee and International Advocacy Training Committee, Victorian Bar

16 November 2018: Elected to Victorian Bar Council

Semester One 2018: Teacher, LAWS5355 Advocacy, Monash University

2018: Appointment to the Student Engagement Committee, Victorian Bar

16 November 2017: Elected to Victorian Bar Council

2016: Appointment to Pacific Rim Committee, Victorian Bar

August 2009 – August 2012: Senior Associate to the Honourable Justice Elizabeth Hollingworth, Supreme Court of Victoria

May – August 2009: Legal Advisor, Legal Services Department, Victoria Police

September 2008 – February 2009: Associate to His Honour Magistrate Grant Lalor, Australian Capital Territory Magistrates' Court

OTHER EXPERIENCE

April 2013 – April 2015: Appointment to Young Alumni Council, Australian National University

May 2013 – November 2015: Melbourne Alumni Network Leadership Committee, Australian National University

July – September 2011: Reprieve Australia intern at the Louisiana Capital Assistance Center, New Orleans, LA, United States of America