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## Bar Admissions

July 2010	Queensland Bar
September 2017	New South Wales Bar
July 2015	New Zealand
October 2015	Singapore International Commercial Court

## Brief Details of Professional Experience

Practicing principally in commercial law. Appeared with leaders in trials and appeals in the Supreme Court of Queensland and the Federal Court, in a constitutional case in the High Court and in commercial arbitrations

- Larger matters recorded on *page 2*
- Wide experience appearing in the Supreme Court of Queensland, including circa 40 unled appearances in substantive and contested applications (all forms of injunctions – including anti-suit injunctions, in restraint of trade and concerning mortgages – freezing orders, summary judgment, strike out)
- Circa 50 unled appearances in substantive and contested applications in other Queensland Courts, Federal Courts and New South Wales Courts, including urgent matters before the Duty Judge in the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- Appeared unled in over 20 trials in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Magistrates Court of Queensland and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (“QCAT”)
- Appeared in appeals without leaders in the Queensland Court of Appeal
- Appeared unled in 10 appeals in the District Court of Queensland and QCAT
- International experience as counsel in trials in the High Court of New Zealand and the National Court of Papua New Guinea

## Other Professional Activities

- Associate to the Hon Justice JA Dodds-Streeton, Victorian Court of Appeal, Federal Court of Australia
- *Bar Care* committee (Qld Bar) and *Health and Wellbeing Committee* (NSW Bar)

## Education

BA/LLB (Queensland), LLM, in progress (Melbourne)

## Sample Publications

- “The Varieties of Restitution by I Jackman SC” *Australian Law Journal* (Book Review) (Forthcoming)
- Contributing editor of *Queensland Civil Practice*, annotated UCPR (Thomson)

### **Larger current ongoing matters**

- Acting for Bianca Rinehart and John Hancock defending proceedings in the Western Australia Supreme Court (led by C Withers)
- Acting for the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation seeking to enforce a circa AUD 50mil tax debt in the National Court of Papua New Guinea (led by Dr J Renwick SC)
- Acting for the Pharmacy Guild of Australia in relation to various matters in various Queensland, New South Wales and Victorian courts and tribunals (led by IE Davidson SC, with G del Villar)
- Acting for a company defending an oppression suit in the Supreme Court of New South Wales (led by IE Davidson SC)
- Acting for an investment fund seeking to sue a ratings agency in the Supreme Court of New South Wales (led by NC Hutley SC)
- Acting for an appellant appealing a summary judgment in the Queensland Court of Appeal (unled) (reserved)
- Acting for a class action lead plaintiff appealing to the Full Federal Court (unled)
- Acting for Mercedes-Benz defending and bringing various proceedings arising from credit contracts in the Supreme Court of New South Wales and in Queensland courts (unled)
- Acting for a large accounting firm suing a former employee in restraint of trade in the Supreme Court of New South Wales (unled)

### **Previous larger cases**

- Acting for Queensland successfully resisting a High Court challenge to anti-bikie legislation (led by P Dunning QC SG, A MacSporrán QC and G del Villar)
- Acting for the Registrar of the Australian Register of Ships resisting an appeal in the Full Federal Court concerning the *Shipping Registration Act* (with P Dunning QC)
- Acting for a lender resisting a liquidator's proceeding concerning unreasonable director related transactions in the Supreme Court of Queensland (led by G Gibson QC)
- Acting for a lender in proceedings against a company in liquidation concerning its proof of debt in the Supreme Court of Queensland (led by G Gibson QC)
- Acting for a bank defending proceedings in the National Court of Papua New Guinea (led by M Varitimos CBE QC and G Beacham QC)
- Acting for a company resisting an anti-suit injunction in the Supreme Court of Queensland and then defending proceedings in the High Court of New Zealand concerning kiwifruit intellectual property rights (with J Sweeney)
- Acting for an institution defending a series of proceedings concerning child sexual abuse in the Supreme and District Courts of Queensland (led by RJ Douglas QC and M Fordham SC)
- Acting for a franchisee resisting an injunction in the District Court of Queensland and then resisting the appeal from the dismissal of the injunction in the Queensland Court of Appeal (unled)