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ADMISSIONS

Barrister	2018
Solicitor	2015

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

University of Technology Sydney Casual Academic (Administrative Law, Foundations of Law, Ethics Law and Justice, Constitutional Law)	Mar 2017 – present
Australian Catholic University Casual Academic (Contract Law)	Feb 2018 – May 2018
The Hon Dyson Heydon AC QC, 8 Selborne Chambers Research Assistant	Dec 2016 – Dec 2017
The Hon Justice Darke, Supreme Court of New South Wales Tipstaff	Jan 2016 – Dec 2016
Craddock Murray Neumann Lawyers Migration Agent Solicitor Researcher/Consultant	Mar 2010 – Dec 2015 May 2015 – December 2015 March 2015 – December 2015 March 2010 – March 2015

OVERVIEW

My areas of practice include commercial law, migration and refugee law, administrative law, property law and the law of equity and trusts.

As a solicitor and migration agent, I appeared for clients before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Refugee Review Tribunal and the Refugee Status Review Tribunal (Nauru). I also served as instructing solicitor in proceedings in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of Nauru. Prior to my admission as a solicitor, I worked for five years as a researcher and submission-writer in refugee law.

I am an experienced legal writer and researcher. I have published numerous peer-reviewed articles and have presented papers at international conferences. I have written online articles for the *Australian Public Law Blog* (AUSPUBLAW), *Eureka Street* and *Scroll.in*, casenotes for the *Australian Law Journal* and the *Butterworths Property Reports*, and book reviews for the *Australian Journal of Human Rights*. I am a regular contributor to *Law and Other Things*, a blog on Indian law and history.

As a 2011 recipient of the Prime Minister's Australia Asia Award, I lived in India from June 2011 to July 2012. During this time, I studied at the National Law School of India University and interned with the Alternative Law Forum, a public interest law firm in Bangalore. I maintain a strong interest in Indian law, history and society.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative law (merits and judicial review)	Corporations law
Bankruptcy and insolvency	Equity and trusts
Commercial law	Immigration and refugee law
Competition and consumer protection law	Professional negligence and misconduct
Contract law	Property law

EDUCATION

2008 - 2014 University of Technology Sydney	Bachelor of Laws (Hons I and University Medal) Bachelor of Arts in Communications (Social Inquiry)
2011 - 2012 National Law School of India University	Bachelor of Laws Bachelor of Arts (exchange student)

Subject Prizes and Awards

2015	University Medal (Bachelor of Laws)
2014	Commendation, UTS Creative Media Social Justice Award
2013	Thomson Reuters Award for Civil Litigation
2013	Inner West Law Society Award for Ethics & Professional Conduct
2011	Prime Minister's Australia Asia Award
2009	NSW Bar Association Award for Administrative Law
2009	NSW Bar Association Award for Equity and Trusts
2008	Thomson Reuters Award for Contracts
2008	NSW Bar Association Award for Australian Constitutional Law

Extracurricular Activities

2012 - 2014	Councillor, UTS University Council
2013	Secretary, UTS Students' Association
2010 - 2011	Undergraduate Representative, UTS Law Faculty Board
2010	U:PASS Leader, Real Property Law
2010	Co-Champion, UTS Geoff Holland Constitutional Law Moot
2009 - 2011	President, UTS Red Cross Society

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- 'Young's "Fact finding made easy" in Refugee Law: A Former Practitioner's Perspective' (2018) 92(5) *Australian Law Journal* 349-359.
- 'No One To Bear Witness: Country Information and LGBTQ Asylum Seekers' (2017) 33(2) *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees* 88-100.
- 'Escaping the Lions: Religious Conversion and Refugee Law' (2016) 22(1) *Australian Journal of Human Rights* 135-158.
- 'Worlds Apart: The Appointment of Former Politicians as Judges' (2016) 41(1) *Alternative Law Journal* 17-22.
- '*Koushal v. Naz Foundation* and the Lessons of International Refugee Law' in Sarasu E. Thomas (ed), *Gender, Human Rights and Law*, vol 4 (Centre for Women and the Law, 2015, India) 161-183.
- 'Becoming Indian: William Broome and Colonial Continuity in Post-Independence India' (2015) 42(2) *Indian Historical Review* 303-331.
- 'Comparative Law and the Role of the Judiciary: An Australia-India Comparison' (with Arun K. Thiruvengadam) in Shaun Star (ed), *Australia and India: A Comparative Overview of the Law and Legal Practice* (Universal Law Publishing, 2015, India) 20-45.
- 'Freedom To Be: Assessing the Claims of LGBTQ Asylum Seekers' (2014) 10 *Socio-Legal Review* 35-52.
- 'Credibility Assessment in Refugee Status Determination' (2014) 26(2) *National Law School of India Review* 115-126.
- 'Simply Impossible: Plausibility Assessment in Refugee Status Determination' (2014) 39(4) *Alternative Law Journal* 241-245.