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ADMISSIONS

2016	Barrister , New South Wales & High Court of Australia
2006	Solicitor , High Court of Australia
2005	Solicitor , Supreme Court of New South Wales

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Class actions
- Corporations law
- Equity
- Employment
- Commercial
- Competition and consumer law
- Insolvency
- Regulatory/civil penalty proceedings

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006 - 2015	Clayton Utz , Lawyer (2006-2009) and Senior Associate (2009-2015), Commercial Litigation
2004 - 2006	DLA Phillips Fox (now DLA Piper), Graduate-at-Law and Lawyer, Insurance Litigation

EDUCATION

2013	University of Sydney , Master of Laws
2004	University of Sydney , Bachelor of Laws (Hons I)
2001	University of Sydney , Bachelor of Commerce

MEMBERSHIPS

- New South Wales Bar Association
- Australia and New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA)

SELECTED CASES

Appeals

- *Zurich Australian Insurance Limited v CIMIC Group Limited & Ors* [2024] NSWCA 229 – directors’ and officers’ insurance claim (led by M Elliot SC).
- *Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd & Ors v DFD Rhodes Pty Ltd; Rinehart & Anor v Rinehart & Ors* (P42/2020 and P42/2020) – defending application for special leave to appeal to the High Court from order refusing a stay of proceedings; special leave refused (led by J Stoljar SC).
- *Management Services Australia Pty Ltd v PMWorks Pty Ltd & Anor* [2019] NSWCA 107 – breach of contract; termination (led by M Cairns).
- *Sanderson as liquidator of Sakr Nominees Pty Ltd (in liq) v Sakr* [2017] NSWCA 38 – appeal against a determination of liquidator’s remuneration before a five-member bench of the Court of Appeal (led by V Whittaker SC).

Federal Court

- *Our Jim & Felicja Superfund Pty Ltd as trustee for the Jim & Felicja Superannuation Fund v Lindenfels Pte Ltd* [2026] FCA 307 – shareholder oppression claim (led by K Morgan SC).
- *ASIC v McPherson’s Limited* [2026] FCA 1130 – appearing for ASIC in proceedings alleging contraventions of continuous disclosure and misleading conduct provisions of Corporations Act; breaches of directors’ duties (led by J Hewitt SC, with M Bui).
- *ACCC v Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd (Suppression No 1)* [2026] FCA 431 – appearing for American Express Australia Limited in application for suppression orders (unled).
- *ASIC v SQM Research Pty Ltd* – appearing for ASIC in proceedings alleging contraventions of the Corporations Act (led by S H Parmenter KC, with A Mobrici).
- *ASIC v Equity Trustees Superannuation Limited in its capacity as trustee of the AMG Superannuation Fund and Super Simplifier* – appearing for ASIC in proceedings alleging breach of superannuation trustee’s duties (led by S H Parmenter KC, with A Mobrici).
- *ASIC v Keystone Asset Management Ltd* [2024] FCA 1019 – appearing for ASIC in application for appointment of receivers (led by M Rush SC and D Luxton).
- *Thakran v TD Pty Ltd* [2019] FCA 829 – application to for reinstatement of company registration and winding up (unled).

- *RBC Investor Services v Brickworks Limited* [2017] FCA 756 – shareholder oppression claim (led by A Bannon SC and J Potts SC).

Supreme Court

- *Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd [No 26]* [2026] WASC 101 – appearing for Rhodes in claim with respect to mining royalties; 50+ day trial in WASC (led by J Stoljar SC and K Lendich SC, with S Taylor and B Tomasi).
- *Keybridge Capital Limited v Molopo Energy Limited* [2024] NSWSC 779 – appearing for Molopo in successful application for a permanent stay of proceedings for abuse of process (led by R Scruby SC).
- *In the matter of Mediation & Online Dispute Resolution Operating Network* [2022] NSWSC 5 – appeared for successful plaintiffs in claim for damages for misleading conduct (unled).
- *An Application by the City of Sydney (No. 4)* [2022] NSWSC 143 – application for payment of costs out of funds paid into court (unled).
- *CIMIC Group Limited v AIG Group Limited* [2022] NSWSC 999 – appeared for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in directors & officers indemnity claim by CIMIC (formerly Leighton Holdings) (led by M Elliott SC).
- *Molopo Energy Limited v Johal & Ors* (S ECI 2018/120 VSC) – breach of directors’ duty claim; professional indemnity insurance claim (settled) (led by R Scruby SC and T Mitchell).
- *S & D Cambridge Management Services Pty Ltd v Couriers Please Pty Ltd* (2018/307440 NSWSC) – breach of contract claim; settled in 2021, 1st day of final hearing (unled).
- *In the matter of Parker Logan* [2021] NSWSC 792 – urgent application on behalf of liquidators to extend the convening period for second creditors meeting (unled).
- *In the matter of Courtenay House Capital Trading Group Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2021] NSWSC 256 – application on behalf of liquidators for directions as to distribution of funds (unled).
- *In the matter of Courtenay House Capital Trading Group Pty Limited (in liq) & Courtenay House Pty Limited (in liq)* [2019] NSWSC 1113 & [2020] NSWSC 780 – applications on behalf of liquidators for directions (led by R Scruby SC).
- *In the matter of Courtenay House Capital Trading Group Pty Limited (in liquidation) and Courtenay House Pty Limited (in liquidation)* [2018] NSWSC 404 – separate question; trust law (led by V Whittaker SC).

- *DIF III Global Co-Investment Fund LP & Anor v Babcock & Brown LP & Ors* [2019] NSWSC 527 – breach of fiduciary duty claim; negligence; misleading or deceptive conduct; professional indemnity insurance claim; directors’ & officers’ insurance claim (led by R Scruby SC).
- *Dimmi v RestaurantDiary.com* [2018] NSWSC 846 – breach of contract claim; termination; estoppel (led by J Potts SC).
- *In the matter of Sakr Nominees Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2017] NSWSC 668 – remitted hearing; application for approval of liquidator’s remuneration (unled).
- *Management Services Australia Pty Ltd v PMWorks Pty Ltd & Anor* [2017] NSWSC 1743 (Supreme Court of NSW) – alleged joint venture; breach of fiduciary duty; misleading or deceptive conduct; unconscionable conduct; estoppel (led by M Cairns).

Other courts and matters

- *Williams v Williams* [2023] NSWDC 10 – appeared for plaintiff in successful restitution claim (unled).
- *Millennium Charters Pty Ltd v Macarthur Jet Charter Pty Ltd* (2019/353758 in the NSWDC) – breach of contract claim; settled in 2021 (led by Y Shariff SC).
- *Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry*, 2018 – appeared for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (led by C Scerri QC and Z Hillman).
- Appearing for and advising ASIC in regulatory investigations and civil penalty proceedings.