

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Appearing as counsel in the High Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, and state courts and tribunals in Western Australia (including the Supreme Court, District Court, Magistrates Court, Warden's Court and Coroner's Court).
- Advising on, and appearing as counsel at hearings of, interlocutory disputes, including: applications challenging the jurisdiction of the court, for default judgment, for summary judgment, for strike out, for further and better particulars, and for the production of documents / further and better discovery.

### Specific examples

- Appearing as junior counsel before the HCA in the case of *Rizeq v The State of Western Australia*, regarding the operation of s 79 of the *Judiciary Act 1903* (Cth) when in federal diversity jurisdiction.
  - Appearing as junior counsel before the HCA in the case of *Rodi v The State of Western Australia*, regarding disclosure obligations and issues relating to fresh evidence.
  - Acting as counsel for a telecommunications company in an international arbitration alleging breaches of contract, variations by conduct, and works not being performed in accordance with specifications.
  - Acting for CITIC Limited in relation to multiple proceedings in the WASC involving its related bodies corporate and Mineralogy Pty Ltd.
  - Defending proceedings for breach of contract commenced in the WASC by Alinta Energy (LPG) Pty Ltd against Wesfarmers (LPG) Pty Ltd.
  - Acting for a former contractor of a company in liquidation in proceedings commencing in the WASC by the liquidator to void transactions as unfair preferences under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).
  - Acting for the National Australia Bank, and appearing as counsel, in relation to an action for debt recovery, which included claims of unconscionable conduct and breach of consumer protections.
  - Acting for the ACCC in relation to proceedings commenced in the FCA alleging breaches of the ACL.
  - Acting as counsel in relation to a general protections claim under the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth).
  - Advising a joint venture participant on its legal position under the joint operating agreement in the context of an anticipated dispute regarding the use of shared facilities.
  - Acting for the manager of a joint venture in relation to judicial review proceedings in the WASC.
  - Advising on the prospects of judicial review of decisions made under the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth) and appearing as counsel in the FCA in relation to decisions where a challenge has merit.
  - Appearing as junior counsel at a preliminary issues hearing involving an agreement with the State of Western Australia, the *Mining Act 1904* (WA), and the *Mining Act 1978* (WA).
  - Advising an operator of a joint venture on communications protocols to facilitate the maintenance of privilege, in light of reporting obligations (both internal and external) and contractor involvement.
  - Appearing as junior counsel for a Rio Tinto subsidiary at a hearing of its miscellaneous licence applications and objections to BHPB's miscellaneous licence applications and appearing as counsel for Pastoral Management Pty Ltd at a hearing of its objection to an exploration licence application.
  - Concurrent management of over 350 of the Rio Tinto Group's applications and objections under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA), including advising on prospects of success and appearing before the Warden.
  - Acting for an interpleading party in relation to a dispute regarding the interpretation of a compensation agreement associated with a large-scale mining project, including appearing at a mediation.
  - Acting for a multinational energy corporation in a domestic arbitration that alleged breaches of a JOA.
  - Advising on the return of a subpoena issued to Rio Tinto Limited, which captured documents giving rise to issues of privilege and confidentiality.
  - Appearing as counsel in the FCA in relation to an application for a subpoena under the *International Arbitration Act 1974* (Cth).
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## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Jul 2009 – Jan 2016: **Allens**

Admitted as a lawyer on 8 April 2010 and promoted to senior associate effective from January 2014.

- Primary responsibility for, and formulating legal strategy in relation to, a broad range of advice work and disputes. This involved considering commercial drivers, costs, risks, and the likely outcomes.
- Co-ordinating large teams on complex matters.
- Negotiating and drafting agreements (eg, access agreements, settlement deeds) and drafting court documents (eg, pleadings, submissions, affidavits).
- Dealing with opposing parties, counterparties, other stakeholders, government departments, experts, and counsel (while being constantly cognisant of privilege and confidentiality issues).
- Consistently contributing to the firm's thought leadership, preparing presentations on current legal issues, delivering legal training sessions, and drafting precedents.

Mar 2014 – Jul 2014: **Rio Tinto**

Legal Counsel (seconded)

- Assisting and supporting various business units and project teams within the Projects division.
- Contract drafting and negotiation.
- Reviewing and advising on issues relating to EPCM contracts and tenders, clarifications registers, umbrella agreements, and general commercial matters.
- Fostering clear communication between business units to ensure alignment on matters impacting multiple parts of the business, and liaising with counterparties, stakeholders, and third parties.

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## EDUCATION

2009: **College of Law, Perth**

Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice

2003 – 2009: **University of Western Australia**

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and Bachelor of Science

- First Class Honours for Bachelor of Laws; LexisNexis prize (2008).
- Award winner in the Jessup International Law Moot Competition National Rounds and competed internationally in Washington DC (2009).
- Student Editor of the University of Western Australia Law Review (2008).

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLICATIONS

- Lecturer in Conflicts of Laws at the University of Western Australia.
- Prize winner as the best performer in the Essential Trial Advocacy Course (2016).
- Winner of the Australian Bar Association National Junior Bar Advocacy Competition (2016).
- Mentor through the Women in Law Mentoring Scheme.
- *Financial Resources of Applicants for Exploration Licences* (2012) 31(1) ARELJ 39.
- *Enabling the operation of religious legal systems in Australia by extending private international law principles* (2011) 85 ALJ 105.
- *Consequences of non-compliance with section 74(1)(ca) Mining Act* (2011) 30(1) ARELJ 23.