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Practice interest areas

- Public law, including constitutional and administrative law, judicial review applications, planning appeals, regulatory prosecutions, native title and employment law.
 - Commercial law, including contracting with Government.
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Selected appearances

Sole counsel in:

- *Smirke v State of Western Australia* [2017] FCA 825 (application in a native title proceeding);
- *Department of Mines and Petroleum v Westdrill Pty Ltd* (unreported, Magistrates Court, 18 May 2017) (sentencing for breaches of mine safety regulations);
- *Baker Hughes Australia Pty Ltd v Venier* [2016] WAIRC 843 (appeal before Full Bench of Industrial Relations Commission concerning long service leave claim);
- *Mewett v Curtin University of Technology* [2016] WASAT 25 (*Equal Opportunity Act* claim);
- *Tallott v City of Stirling [No 2]* [2015] WASC 483 (tort action against local government);
- *Brooks-Johnson v Shine Lawyers Pty Ltd* [2015] WADC 42 (application for security for costs);
- *Pereira v Toll Energy Logistics Pty Ltd* [2014] FWC 3398 (unfair dismissal application);
- *Saweres v RAC Insurance Pty Ltd* (unreported, Magistrates Court, 22 November 2013) (insurance dispute);
- *Agnew v Prisoners Review Board* [2012] WASC 47 (judicial review application);
- *Lyon v Read* [2012] WASC 96 and *Sargon v Richardson* [2011] WASC 228 (single Justice appeals); and
- *Riches v WAPC* [2011] WASAT 147 (subdivision application).

Junior counsel in:

- High Court of Australia – *Bell Group NV v Western Australia* (2016) 90 ALJR 655; *Minister for Justice v Adamas* (2013) 253 CLR 43; *PSA v Industrial Relations Commission (SA)* (2012) 249 CLR 398;
- Applications for special leave – *Proudlove v Burrige* [2017] HCATrans 128; *Minister for Home Affairs and Justice v Adamas* [2013] HCATrans 220; *SW v AG (WA)* [2012] HCATrans 157;
- Western Australian Court of Appeal – *Tallott v City of Stirling* [2017] WASCA 126; *Byrne v The Owners of Ceresia River Apartments Strata Plan 55597* [2017] WASCA 104; *Rowe v Stoltze* (2013) 45 WAR 116;
- Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia – *Oil Basins Limited v Watson* [2014] FCAFC 154;
- Federal Court of Australia – *Warrie v State of Western Australia* [2017] FCA 803; and
- Supreme Court of Western Australia – *BCBC Singapore Pte Ltd v PT Bayan Resources TBK [No 3]* (2013) 276 FLR 273.

Committee assistance

Consultant to the Joint Select Committee on Aboriginal Constitutional Recognition which produced *Toward a True and Lasting Reconciliation: Report into the Appropriate Wording to Recognise Aboriginal People in the Constitution of Western Australia* (Parliament of Western Australia, Report No.1, March 2015).

Previous employment

State Solicitor's Office (WA) – Solicitor (2009-2013); Articled Clerk (2005); Professional Assistant to the Solicitor General (WA) (2003-2004).

High Court of Australia – Associate to the Hon Justice Crennan (2008-2009); Legal Research Officer (2006-2007).

Education

Yale Law School – Master of Laws (2008)

UWA – Bachelor of Laws (Hons 1) and Bachelor of Arts (Hons 1) (2004)