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I have experience appearing in the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia, Supreme Court of Western Australia, Industrial Magistrates Court and Magistrates Court of Western Australia.

I specialise in administrative law matters. I also act in industrial relations, employment, discrimination, and criminal matters.

QUALIFICATIONS

Admitted to Legal Practice in Western Australia and the High Court of Australia (2018)

Bachelor of Laws, Murdoch University (2017)

Bachelor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (2012)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Barrister, Murray Chambers (2022-present)

Solicitor, Street Law Centre WA Inc (2020-2022): advised and acted on behalf of people experiencing homelessness or who were at risk of homelessness. This was primarily in criminal and traffic matters, restraining order applications (both applicant and respondent), and criminal injuries compensation applications.

Associate, Employment and Workplace Relations, Mason Ledger (2020): advised employers with respect to employment, industrial relations, and discrimination.

Lawyer/Graduate Lawyer/Law Clerk, Government, Sparke Helmore Lawyers (2017-2020): advised and acted on behalf of the Commonwealth with a focus on immigration proceedings. I frequently appeared as counsel or instructed counsel in the (then) Federal Circuit Court of Australia and Federal Court of Australia.

Deputy Associate to Judge Lucev, Federal Magistrates Court of Australia/Federal Circuit Court of Australia (2013-2017): assisted with the preparation of judgments by providing drafts and research memoranda to his Honour.

SELECTED MATTERS

BWS22 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs & Anor [2023] FedCFamC2G 635: judicial review of a decision of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal considering of the meaning of “*identity*” and “*visa holder*” in the *Migration Act 1958* (Cth) and procedural fairness requirements under s 140 of the Act (appeared for the first respondent unled)

CHZ19 v Minister for Home Affairs [2019] FCA 914: complex interlocutory application within appellate proceedings to adduce new evidence, argue grounds not raised before the primary judge, and obtain order for disclosure (which involved a public interest immunity claim) (led by S J Oliver)

Jabari v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs [2023] FCAFC 98: appeal from a decision of the Federal Court of Australia considering whether there had been a failure to consider the appellant’s representations (appeared for the appellant unled)

Twomey v Que 5 Pty Ltd & Anor [2024] FCAFC 30: appeal from a decision of the Federal Court of Australia in relation to whether damages could be sought against the Fair Work Commission (appeared for the second respondent unled)

PUBLICATIONS

Patrick Stevedores Holdings Pty Ltd v CFMMEU (No 2) [2020] FCA 1093, Brief, (February 2021)

AWARDS

University of Notre Dame, Vice Chancellor’s Medal: highest ranked student in the School of Philosophy and Theology (2011)