

Professional Experience

Since 2012 I have practised at the bar and have a broad range of commercial advisory and appearance experience, including the following:

Mining / Resources

* matters relating to mining agreements and tenement interests: eg *Mining Projects Management Group P/L v AU KT P/L* [2026] WASC 288; *Opotiki P/L v Ausgold Ltd* [2026] WAWC 1; *Wyloo Metals P/L v Quarry Park P/L* (2024) 60 WAR 409 (appeal); [2021] WASC 356 (trial) & 30 (injunction); *Vango Mining Ltd v Zuleika Gold Ltd* [2024] WASCA 54 (appeal); [2022] WASC 357 (trial); *Cougar Metals NL v Richore P/L* [2024] WASCA 36 (2nd appeal); [2023] WASC 2 (1st appeal); [2021] WAMC 1 (trial); *Billabong Gold P/L v Vango Mining Ltd (No 2)* (2023) 60 WAR 147 (appeal); [2022] WASCA 35 (stay application); [2021] WASC 459 (trial); *MLG Oz Ltd v Warden Ayling* [2020] WASC 329; *Lime Nominees P/L v Adelaide Brighton Cement Ltd* [2014] WASC 503;

* contested mining tenement applications (on review): eg *Golden Pig Enterprises P/L v O'Sullivan* [2021] WASC 396; *Onslow Resources Ltd v Minister for Mines & Petroleum* (2021) 15 ARLR 80 (appeal); [2020] WASC 310 (application); *MLG Oz Ltd v Warden Ayling* [2021] WASC 28; *Connected IO Ltd v Paterson* [2019] WASCA 70 (appeal); [2018] WASC 200 (application); *Forrest & Forrest P/L v Minister for Mines & Petroleum* (2017) 51 WAR 425;

* contested applications for exemption from expenditure and forfeiture of tenements (on review): eg *Riversgold (Australia) P/L v McPhee* [2023] WASC 375; *Brosnan v O'Sullivan* (2022) 16 ARLR 342; *Freeth v O'Donnell* [2021] WASC 393; *Thompson v Siberia Mining Corporation P/L* (2021) 14 ARLR 293; *Extension Hill P/L v O'Sullivan* [2020] WASC 464;

* contested mining tenement applications (before the mining warden): eg *Kirkwood v Lester* [2026] WAMW 9; *Australian Vanadium Ltd v Cousens* [2024] WAMW 2 & 42; *Camin Resources P/L v Monument Exploration P/L* [2024] WAMW 24; *Pantoro South P/L v True Fella P/L* [2023] WAMW 22; *Azure Minerals Ltd v D&G Geraghty P/L* [2022] WAMW 27; *Zabiela v Coppin* [2021] WAMW 10; *AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd v Monument Exploration P/L* [2019] WAMW 13; *Allison v Sandstone Exploration P/L* [2019] WAMW 7; *KML No 2 P/L v Jindalee Resources Ltd* [2018] WAMW 17;

* contested applications for exemption from expenditure and forfeiture of tenements (before the mining warden): eg *MCA Nominees P/L v Nex Metals Exploration Ltd [No 2]* [2024] WAMW 4; *Serendipity Resources P/L v Debnal P/L* [2022] WAMW 20; *Crimson Metals P/L v Extension Hill P/L* [2019] WAMW 16 (forfeiture); [2017] WAMW 22 (exemption);

* State agreement matters: eg *Mineralogy P/L v Hon Warden Tavener* [2014] WASC 420;

* environmental assessment disputes: eg *Conservation Council of WA Inc v CEO of DWER* [2022] WASC 202; *Tehupac Holdings P/L v Hoyer* [2022] WAMW 26; *Blackfin P/L v Poelina & Northern Australia Pastoral Properties P/L* [2018] WAMW 12;

* native title related matters: eg *Chubby on behalf of Puutu Kunti Kurrama & Pinikura People v State of WA* [2015] FCA 964;

Corporate / Commercial

* contractual and director / fiduciary duty disputes: eg *Lowe P/L v Belgravia Nominees P/L* [2020] WASCA 180 (appeal); [2019] WASC 5 (trial);

* shareholder, corporate opportunity diversion, oppression and inspection of books disputes: eg *Rasley (Singapore) P/L v Financial & Energy Exchange Ltd* [2020] FCA 1462; *Nalini Asher Enterprises P/L v H&M Tracey Construction P/L* [2019] FCA 2161;

* agency and commission disputes: eg *Moore v Luxury Boat Holdings P/L* [2020] WASCA 144 (appeal); [2019] WADC 108 (trial);

* insolvency matters, including DOCA, statutory demand and winding up related proceedings: eg *Jones v Matrix Partners P/L; Killarnee Civil & Concrete Contractors P/L (in liq)* (2018) 260 FCR 310; *Cth of Australia v Byrnes & Hewitt* (2018) 54 VR 230; *Australian Gypsum Industries P/L v Dalesun Holdings P/L* (2015) 297 FLR 1 (appeal); (2014) 283 FLR 471 (trial);

* security enforcement matters, involving mortgages, guarantees, charges and caveats: eg *Taboref P/L v Acquest Property P/L (In Liq)* [2024] WASC 313; *MAEK P/L v Beaver* [2021] WASC 253;

* unconscionable conduct disputes: eg *Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Australia P/L v Animus P/L* [2019] WADC 133;

* trusts matters: eg *Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC v Attorney General of WA* (2014) 14 ASTLR 164; [2014] WASC 245(S);

* matters concerning the requisitioning and conduct of meetings of companies and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations: eg *Graham v Newchurch* [2023] FCA 1411; *Adams v Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC* (2014) 104 ACSR 29;

Public / Other

* judicial review applications: eg *Dann v Yamera* [2017] FCA 513; *Stock v Native Title Registrar* (2014) 140 ALD 203; (2013) 138 ALD 547;

* matters concerning the duties and liabilities of statutory authorities: eg *Pilbara Regional Council v Pia* [2019] WADC 54;

* injunctions, including in relation to employee restraints: eg *Wellard Rural Exports P/L v Robinson III* [2013] WASC 89;

* torts, including nuisance claims: eg *Shogunn Investments P/L v Public Transport Authority of Western Australia* [2016] WASC 42;

* planning matters: eg *O'Sullivan v City of Subiaco* (2018) 233 LGERA 26;

* liquor licensing matters: eg *Riloch P/L v Director of Liquor Licensing* LC05/2020.

Qualifications

Member of Western Australian Bar Association, 2012;

Admitted to Supreme Court of Western Australia and High Court of Australia, 2003;

Bachelors of Laws with Honours and Business (Environment), University of Notre Dame Australia, 2001.