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Education

**1997 – 2000 – University of Western Australia – Bachelor of Laws**

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Experience

**2014 – Present – Barrister, Francis Burt Chambers**

- Appeared as counsel in all Courts, including the Full Bench of the High Court of Australia.
- In [Lordianto v AFP](#) (2019) 266 CLR 273 my construction of the concept of *third party* in the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cth)* (**POC Act**), which had been rejected in the NSW Court of Appeal, was unanimously upheld in the High Court. The case involved the interaction of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006 (Cth)* (**AMLCTF Act**) and the POC Act.
- Successfully made a no case to answer submission to the District Court of WA based upon on the construction of the AMLCTF Act: *The Queen v Li* ([unreported, District Court, 1 December 2016](#))
- Appeared unled at trial in the Supreme Court for the successful plaintiff in an equitable claim in *Middendorp v Lygina* [No 2] [\[2021\] WASC 431](#)
- Appeared unled and led in Courts of Appeal several times. By way of example:
  - *Gwe v Commissioner of the AFP* [\[2020\] NSWCA 247](#)
  - *Skelly v The State of Western Australia* [\[2020\] WASCA 3](#)
  - *Head v Director for the Public Prosecutions (WA)* [\[2019\] WASCA 157](#)
  - *The Queen v Abbas* [\[2019\] WASCA 64](#)
- Extensive appearance in compulsory examinations before the CCC, Supreme Court, ACIC, ASIC and the AAT (under the POC Act).
- 2014 – Chief Justice’s prize for best performed Bar Reader.
- 2014 – Essential Trial Advocacy Course Award.
- 2017 and since – Doyles listing for criminal law WA.
- 2019 and since – author for LexisNexis in relation to Criminal Property Confiscation Act 2000 (WA) and the AMLCTF Act.
- 2020 – ABA’s Advanced Trial Advocacy course.
- 2021 and since – Chair of the Courts Committee of Law Society of WA.

**2020 – present – Sessional Arbitrator  
WorkCover WA**

- I am a sessional (casual) arbitrator for worker’s compensation matters.

**2012 – 2014 – Deputy Counsel (WA, SA, NT),  
Proceeds of Crime Litigation, Australian Federal Police**

- Regularly appeared as counsel, including at compulsory examinations, under the POC Act.
- Member of national management team of AFP led [CACT](#) taskforce (AUSTRAC is also a member).
- Responsible for liaison with State, Federal and International government departments.
- 2013 – US Attorney’s Award presented by the US Ambassador (for international cooperation).

**2005 – 2012 – Principal Legal Officer, Commonwealth DPP**

- Commercial prosecutions (Corporations Act matters referred by ASIC)
- Criminal Assets (Proceeds of Crime)