

# Matthew Varley

Barrister

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## Positions

**Nine Wentworth Chambers**, 2019 - present

**Australian Government Solicitor**, 2013-2019 (Graduate, 2013; Lawyer, 2014-2017; Senior Lawyer, 2017-2019), including:

- secondment as Legal Officer, Australian Crime Commission, 2013
- secondment as Corporate Counsel, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, 2014-2015
- appointment as Executive Secretary, Australian Dispute Resolution Advisory Council, 2016-2017

**Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice John Basten**, NSW Court of Appeal, 2012

**Investigations Officer**, Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW, 2010-2011

**Tenant Advocate**, Western Sydney Tenants' Service Chatswood and Northern Area Tenants' Service, 2009-2010

Volunteer roles at community organisations including Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre (2005-2007), Refugee Advice and Casework Service (2010) and Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT (2011)

## Expertise

**Administrative and constitutional law** – judicial review; merits review; tort claims involving public authorities

**Law enforcement and security** – applications for non-publication and suppression orders; claims of public interest immunity; applications for control orders

**Commissions and inquiries** – Commonwealth team responding to the Lindt Siege Inquest; Corporate Counsel for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (2014-2015)

**Alternative dispute resolution** – including experience as conciliator (Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW) and advocate (District Court of New South Wales and Administrative Appeals Tribunal)

**Privileges and immunities** – claims of public interest immunity and legal professional privilege; subpoenas and notices to produce

**Extradition and international child abduction**

**Taxation** – including Part IVA and debt recovery

**Intellectual property** – including manner of manufacture

## Education

Bachelor of Laws (Honours Class I), University of Sydney, 2011

Bachelor of Arts (Honours Class I), University of Sydney, 2009

## Publications and presentations

M Varley and T Lockwood, 'Judicial review and public interest immunity', 2019 (Paper presented at Australian Institute of Administrative Law Conference, Canberra)

M Varley, Presentation to Members of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 2019

M Varley, Training to Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission, 2018

P Melican and M Varley, 'Public interest immunity and protective orders', 2017 (Presentation to Australian Government Solicitor Government Law Group, Sydney)