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Admissions, Awards And Education

Admitted as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
30th May 2014

Called to the New South Wales Bar
28th August 2017

Admitted to the roll of the High Court of Australia
14th March 2018

Bachelor of Laws (LLB) awarded with First Class Honours – University of Technology Sydney (2013)

- UTS Vice Chancellor's Scholarship Recipient
- Lexis Nexis Award for 1st place in Succession Law

Finalist (Barrister Category) – Lawyers Weekly 30 under 30 Awards 2020
Finalist (Barrister Category) – Lawyers Weekly 30 under 30 Awards 2021
Finalist (Barrister Category) – Lawyers Weekly 30 under 30 Awards 2022

Professional Experience Prior to Call to the Bar

Solicitor – Commercial Litigation - Atanaskovic Hartnell
June 2016 to August 2017

Acting Associate to the Honourable Chief Justice James Leslie Bain Allsop AC
Federal Court of Australia
September 2015 to February 2016

Associate to the Honourable Justice Richard Francis Edmonds
Federal Court of Australia
January 2015 to February 2016

Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Stephen Campbell
Supreme Court of New South Wales
January 2014 to December 2014

Teaching Experience

Casual Academic (Lecturer/Tutor) – Faculty of Law - UTS
June 2014 to Present (ongoing) – Equity and Trusts, Real Property, Evidence

Selected Cases and Publications

The following are published cases Anthony has appeared in (unled unless otherwise indicated). In addition to these cases Anthony has appeared in numerous unreported Local and District Court hearings, Tribunal hearings, and matters that have settled before final hearing.

New South Wales Court of Appeal

- ***Lee v Huo*** **[2026] NSWCA 15 –** successfully appeared for the Appellant in an appeal from the District Court where the appellant had been found liable for misleading or deceptive conduct regarding a contract for residential building works. Decision of the District Court set aside on the basis of a constructive failure to exercise jurisdiction and denial of procedural fairness.

- ***Joshan v Pizza Pan Group Pty Ltd*** **(2021) 106 NSWLR 104; 393 ALR 522; [2021] NSWCA 219 –** appeared for the respondent (Pizza Hut) in relation to an appeal regarding an application for a permanent stay; whether South Australian court was "the appropriate court" under the *Service and Execution of Process Act 1992* (Cth).

- ***Kearney v Grow Choice Pty Ltd*** **[2023] NSWCA 325 –** appeared for the respondent (having successfully appeared below) on the issue of whether an oral promise by a director constituted a guarantee of the company's debt.

- ***Stolyar and Anor v Towers and Anor*** **(2018) 19 BPR 38,287; [2018] NSWCA 6** – appeared for the appellants in relation to the validity of an easement (led by C J Leggat SC).

- ***Meetfresh Franchising Pty Ltd v lvanman Pty Ltd*** **[2020] NSWCA 27** – successful application for stay of judgment.

Federal Court of Australia

- ***Metledge v Hopkins*** **[2020] FCA 561 –** successfully appeared for the respondent debtor on determination of a separate question regarding validity of bankruptcy notice. Creditor's petition dismissed with costs.

- ***Hyland v Havas Media Australia Pty Ltd*** **[2025] FCA 1562** – successfully appeared for the respondent in respect of an application for suppression and non-publication orders where the substantive matter had settled.

- ***McInerney, in the matter of Ghougassian v Ghougassian*** **[2020] FCA 1230 –** appeared for judgment debtors opposing sequestration orders.

- ***Tydeman v Asgard Group Pty Ltd, in the matter of Asgard Group Pty Ltd*** **[2023] FCA 486 –** appeared for the plaintiffs in respect of an application for leave to discontinue proceedings where judgment already listed for delivery and reasons prepared.

- ***Hoskin v Robert Balzola & Associates (Legal) Pty Ltd*** **[2019] FCA 1353 –** appeared for the successful respondent in relation to an appeal brought against the making of a sequestration order by the Federal Circuit Court.

- ***Easton v Kostov*** **[2018] FCA 2002 –** appeared for the successful petitioning creditor in relation to an application for review of a Registrar's sequestration order.

New South Wales Supreme Court

- ***Abdallah v Paco Nominees Pty Ltd*** **[2025] NSWSC 1267;** ***Abdallah v Paco Nominees Pty Ltd*** **[2025] NSWSC 1582; and** ***Abdallah v Paco Nominees Pty Ltd (No 2)*** **[2026] NSWSC 9 –** Successfully appeared for the first defendant in respect of an appeal from the NCAT Appeal Panel in relation to a building and construction dispute (having successfully appeared at first instance in NCAT, and the Appeal Panel below). Following successfully resisting the appeal successfully appeared for the first defendant on an application under the slip rule to obtain a charge over funds paid by the appellant as a condition of a stay of judgment, over the objection of a trustee in bankruptcy.

- ***In the matter of M and PG Projects Pty Ltd*** **[2026] NSWSC 1248 –** successfully appeared for the plaintiff on an application to set aside a creditor's statutory demand.

- ***Yangpu Huigu Pharmaceutical Corporation Limited v He*** **[2025] NSWSC 28 –** successfully appeared for the plaintiff in respect of the recognition and enforcement of a foreign judgment made by a Court of the People's Republic of China.

- ***Kovac v CJM Lawyers Pty Ltd t/as CJM Lawyers*** **[2026] NSWSC 620 –** Appeared for a firm of solicitors in opposition of an application for preliminary discovery in circumstances where the plaintiff sought discovery in respect of a possible cause of action against the solicitors, consideration of whether a grant of preliminary discovery would have the effect of circumventing a solicitor's lien.

- ***Haiyong Su v Blackman Cres Macquarie Pty Ltd*** **[2026] NSWSC 875; and** ***Haiyong Su v 5 Blackman Cres Macquarie Pty Ltd (No 2)*** **[2026] NSWSC 1169 –** Appeared for the plaintiff in respect of the recovery of a loan secured by a mortgage. Issues involving recoverability of enforcement costs incurred in previous unsuccessful proceedings, and whether interest rate constituted a penalty.

- ***Carmody v Roseville Golf Club Ltd*** **[2026] NSWSC 45 –** appeared for the plaintiff in respect of an application to challenge the plaintiff's expulsion from a golf club on that basis that he was denied natural justice.

- ***Ashleigh Lynn Bent v Yuksel Ceper*** **[2026] NSWSC 788 –** Evidence ruling – successfully appeared on an application to dispense with a section 67 notice and have evidence admitted under an exception to the rule against hearsay.

- ***Lewington v Dulyakarn*** **[2025] NSWSC 635; and** ***Lewington v Dulyakarn (No 2)*** **[2025] NSWSC 808 –** appeared for the plaintiff in respect of a dispute as to return of a deposit arising from a contract for the sale of land.

- ***Sydney Von Somogy v Digital Valley Pty Ltd*** **[2025] NSWSC 1355 –** appeared for the defendant (mortgagee) in respect of an interlocutory injunction arising under the *Farm Debt Mediation Act 1994* to prevent a mortgagee from taking enforcement action to sell a mortgaged property.

- ***Idle Time Pty Limited v Greinert*** **[2024] NSWSC 901 –** successfully appeared for the defendant to discharge Anton Piller (search) orders that had been made ex parte in respect of aircraft parts; and successfully resisted (with costs) application by plaintiff for injunctive relief.

- ***Younan v Herberton Enterprises Pty Ltd*** **[2023] NSWSC 1566 –** successfully appeared for the plaintiff to enforce a commercial loan. Successfully appeared for the cross-defendants who resisted a cross-claim for breach of fiduciary obligations arising from a joint venture (including resisting a claim for accessorial liability against a director of the joint venture company).

- ***Pizza Pan Group Pty Ltd v AKD Investments Pty Ltd*** **[2023] NSWSC 125 –** successfully appeared for Pizza Hut in an appeal relating to the proper construction of a deed of assignment (including an application for reinstatement of a deregistered defendant company).

- ***Lin v Zhou*** **[2023] NSWSC 886 –** successfully appeared for the Defendants in resisting an application that they be restrained from acting for a former client.

- ***Turner v Devine*** **[2024] NSWSC 1025 –** appeared for the defendant in respect of an argument as to the appropriate costs orders following acceptance of an offer of compromise, and successfully resisted an order that costs after the date of acceptance of the offer be payable by the defendant.

- ***Greenshades Pastoral Co Pty Ltd v Hardi Australia Pty Ltd*** **[2022] NSWSC 755 –** appeared for group members in a representative proceeding (class action) regarding misleading/deceptive conduct by Hardi Australia in respect of a self-propelled crop sprayer known as the Presidio (led by W G Muddle SC).

- ***In the matter of Hot Frog Pty Ltd*** **[2022] NSWSC 6; and**
  In the matter of Hot Frog Pty Ltd **(No 2) [2022] NSWSC 412; (2022) 366 FLR 274 –** appeared for the partially successful plaintiff involving a claim against a former director accused of misappropriating company funds for personal use. Claims for breach of fiduciary obligations and breaches of director's duties. Successful claim for gross-sum costs order in client's favour.

- ***CIMIC Group Limited v AIG Group Limited*** **[2022] NSWSC 999 –** appeared as counsel for a witness in the proceedings (Mr Wal King AO, former CEO of the Plaintiff).

- ***Yin v Li; Li v Jiang*** **[2022] NSWSC 1512 –** appeared for the Plaintiff in a dispute arising out of an oral agreement for sale and purchase of property, including allegations of forgery and unconscionability.

- ***Mason v Cashel Financial Services Pty Ltd*** **[2021] NSWSC 201 –** appeared for the plaintiff on appeal from a decision of the Local Court involving construction of an indemnity clause and estoppel.

- ***Plus One International Pty Ltd v Ching (No 3)* [2020] NSWSC 1598** – Appeared for the largely successful defendants in relation to defending claims regarding breach of employment contracts, breach of the equitable duty of confidence, and breach of fiduciary duties.

- ***Ye v Fang* [2020] NSWSC 687** – appeared for the successful plaintiff to enforce a disputed commercial loan and obtain declarations regarding the existence of an equitable charge over real property.

- ***Li v Kingland Estate Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 1174 –** appeared for defendants in respect to contested application for amendment of pleading.

- ***Lawson v Jones* [2024] NSWSC 527 –** appeared for the plaintiff on an application to transfer proceedings from District Court to Supreme Court.

- ***In the matter of LML Repairs Pty Limited (No 2)* [2020] NSWSC 310 –** Successful application for further adjournment of proceedings seeking orders winding up the defendant company.

- ***Taunton v Taunton* [2019] NSWSC 1513 –** appeared for the successful plaintiff (who lacked capacity) for possession of land from son who was in occupation (leave to appeal against decision subsequently dismissed in *Taunton v Taunton* [2020] NSWCA 197).

- ***Hardi Australia Pty Ltd v Good* [2019] NSWSC 730** – appeared for the successful defendants in resisting transfer and consolidation of District Court proceedings with a Class Action (Led by Dr E Peden (now a Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW)).

- ***Chen v Fang* [2019] NSWSC 960 –** appeared for successful cross-defendants in a dispute regarding real property (proceedings discontinued with costs – including successful 74MA application for withdrawal of caveat with indemnity costs).

- ***Goldengrove Building Group Pty Limited v Gunnedah Legal Services Pty Ltd trading as Gunnedah Grow and Mow* [2019] NSWSC 264** – appeared for the successful defendant on appeal from a decision of the Local Court.

- ***Youssef Nouh v Commissioner for NSW Fair Trading* [2019] NSWSC 1303** – appeared for the plaintiff seeking judicial review of a direction to freeze an account pursuant to the *Property, Stock and Business Agents Act 2002* (NSW).

- ***In the matter of Courtenay House Capital Trading Group Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2018] NSWSC 604** – appeared for a company director in relation to an application that a liquidator's examination be held in private.

- ***Marathon Group Pty Ltd v Latrobe Valley Building Services Pty Ltd* [2018] NSWSC 194** – appeared for the successful party on an appeal from the Local Court (Led by D Stewart).

- ***Young v Cooke* [2018] NSWSC 588; and**
  ***Young v Cooke (No 2)* [2018] NSWSC 1787** – appeared for the successful party in an application for security for costs in relation to an appeal (Led by D Stewart).

Victorian Supreme Court

- ***Break Fast Investments Pty Ltd v Sclavenitis*** **[2022] VSC 288; (2022) 67 VR 132** – appeared for the first defendant in a case involving the assignment of debt by former corporate trustee. Questions for determination included the powers of a bare trustee; whether a trustee's right of exoneration is assignable; and whether the liquidator of a former corporate trustee is empowered to sell trust assets by s 477 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Led by H Austin QC).

Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

- ***Su v Kamal (No 3)*** **[2026] ACTSC 208 –** Application for variation of court orders providing for payment out to successful party where proceedings subsequently commenced in New South Wales and pending in that jurisdiction.

New South Wales District Court

- ***Zhao v Luxury Way Pty Ltd ACN 648 728 849*** **[2026] NSWDC 6 –** Successfully appeared for the Plaintiffs in respect of a contract for the sale of a Mercedes Benz G-Wagen and associated loan.

- ***Diamond Wheels Pty Ltd v Origin Concepts Pty Ltd trading as OC Automotive*** **[2023] NSWDC 418 –** Successfully appeared for the Plaintiff in respect of a debt claim arising from an agreement between car dealers to sell cars on consignment.

- ***Sydbuilt Projects Pty Ltd v Verge Developments Pty Ltd*** **[2025] NSWDC 502 –** Appeared for the Defendants and Cross-Claimant in respect of a dispute arising out of a residential development. Claims included a claim to retention monies by the builder, with off-setting claims in respect of liquidated damages, defective works, and breach of contract.

- ***Zhao v Luxury Way Pty Limited*** **[2025] NSWDC 320 –** Practice and Procedure – Successfully appeared for the Plaintiffs to resist an application by the Defendants to vacate a final hearing, amend a defence, and lead further evidence.

- ***Huo v Super Shepherd Pty Ltd*** **[2025] NSWDC 506 –** Successful application for stay of judgment pending appeal.

- ***Hu v Zheng (No 1)*** **[2025] NSWDC 414*; Hu v Zheng (No 2)*** **[2025] NSWDC 416 –** appeared for the Plaintiff in respect of a claim for misleading/deceptive conduct in relation to a business investment for the purposes of obtaining a subclass 888 visa.

- ***Nguyen v Pham*** **[2025] NSWDC 234 –** Appeared for the Plaintiff in respect of alleged oral and written loan agreements.

- ***Morgan v Pitch Perfect Constructions Pty Ltd*** **[2024] NSWDC 235 -** Building and Construction – application for transfer to Tribunal and contest as to whether claim was a "building claim".

- ***Trinvass Pty Ltd and Anor v Connect Infrastructure Design Pty Ltd*** **[2022] NSWDC 394 –** Building and Construction – appeared for the Plaintiffs in a claim regarding delays to a building project.

- ***A and B Management Pty Ltd & Anor v Pinitan Wu & Anor*** **[2021] NSWDC 422 -** Practice and Procedure – Appeared for the plaintiffs in interlocutory applications regarding security for costs and subpoenas.

New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal Appeal Panel

- ***Opal Construction Group Pty Ltd v Christoff; Opal Construction Group Pty Ltd v Christoff*** **[2026] NSWCATAP 156 -** successfully appeared for a builder on appeal, with costs, in respect of a claim as to expectation damages by a builder following repudiation of building contracts by owners.

- ***Hiperia Holdings Pty Limited v Sghabi; Sghabi v Hiperia Holdings Pty Limited*** **[2024] NSWCATAP 105; and** ***Hiperia Holdings Pty Limited v Sghabi; Sghabi v Hiperia Holdings Pty Limited*** **[2024] NSWCATAP 152 –** successfully appeared for a builder on appeal, with costs (and reduction of costs order below), to reduce the quantum of damages in respect to a defects claim brought by a successor in title.

- ***Abdallah v Paco Nominees Pty Ltd*** **[2024] NSWCATAP 259 –** successfully appeared for the respondent on appeal (having successfully appeared below) in relation to a claim for defective building works by a successor in title (Building and Construction).

- ***GS & CS Holdings Pty Ltd v The Owners – Strata Plan No. 63227*** **[2022] NSWCATAP 206; and** ***GS & CS Holdings Pty Ltd v The Owners – Strata Plan No. 63227 (No 2)*** **[2022] NSWCATAP 254 -** appeared for the successful respondent on appeal (having successfully appeared below) in relation to an alleged unreasonable refusal of consent by lot owners to a proposed amendment to a by-law (Strata/Land Law).

- ***Suecha Pty Ltd v VSD Glass & Timber Pty Ltd*** **[2020] NSWCATAP 170; and** ***Suecha Pty Ltd v VSD Glass & Timber Pty Ltd*** **(Costs) [2020] NSWCATAP 229 –** appeared for the respondent on appeal (having successfully appeared below) in relation to a quantum meruit claim; successful application for costs (Building and Construction).

- ***Syed Ahmad Shoaib Ali Pty Ltd v Jandson Pty Ltd; Jandson Pty Ltd v Syed Ahmad Shoaib Ali Pty Ltd*** **[2018] NSWCATAP 228; and** ***Syed Ahmad Shoaib Ali Pty Ltd v Jandson Pty Ltd; Jandson Pty Ltd v Syed Ahmad Shoaib Ali Pty Ltd*** **(Costs)[2018] NSWCATAP 304** – appeared for the successful appellant on appeal (Building and Construction); successful costs application.

- ***K & K Ventures Pty Ltd v Attar*** **[2019] NSWCATAP 182** – appeared for the successful appellant with an order for costs (Building and Construction).

- ***David Cameron Jones t/as Oz Style Homes v Panchal*** **[2018] NSWCATAP 238 -** appeared for the successful respondent on appeal with an order for costs (Building and Construction).

Federal Circuit Court of Australia

- ***Voukidis v Anastasopoulos & Anor*** **[2019] FCCA 3397; and**
  Voukidis v Anastasopoulos & Anor (No 2) **[2020] FCCA 3501 –** Appeared for a creditor seeking to set aside a composition pursuant to s 222 of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth).

- ***Robert Balzola & Associates v Hoskin*** **[2018] FCCA 2686** – Bankruptcy proceedings, appeared for successful petitioning creditor.

- ***Fair Work Ombudsman v No Land Tax Incorporated & Anor*** **[2017] FCCA 2471** – penalty proceedings in relation to contraventions of the Fair Work Act (Led by D Stewart).

New South Wales Civil and Administrative Tribunal

- ***Lombardo v Hall*** **[2025] NSWCATCD 227; and** ***Lombardo v Hall (No. 2)*** **[2026] NSWCATCD 22 –** appeared for the applicants in an action to enforce the settlement of a building dispute, including a claim for further defects (Building and Construction).

- ***Petkovski and Hawe v Basbuilt Developments Pty Ltd*** **[2024] NSWCATCD 62 -** appeared for the respondent builder in respect of a residential building claim involving allegations of defective works and liquidated damages for delay (Building and Construction).

- ***Opal Construction Group Pty Ltd v Christoff*** **[2025] NSWCATCD 127 –** Appeared for a builder in respect of a claim for loss of profits following breach of contract by homeowners (Building and Construction).

- ***Dassouki v Department of Fair Trading*** **[2019] NSWCATOD 14; and**
  Dassouki v Department of Fair Trading **[2019] NSWCATOD 45** – Application for administrative review of decision of the Commissioner to cancel a Contractor Licence, appeared for successful applicant reducing disqualification period by 50%.

Publications

- **Hopkins, Anthony "No Constitutional guarantee of freedom from executive detention" [2018] NSWBarAssocNews 13; (2018, Spring) Bar News: Journal of the NSW Bar Association 23.**