

## **Experience**

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**Nine Wentworth Chambers**, 2019-present

**Australian Government Solicitor**, 2013-2019, including:

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

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

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

## **Expertise**

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

**Commissions, inquiries and inquests** – Lindt Siege Inquest; Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse; Robodebt Royal Commission; Inquest into the Death of Mark Haines

**Criminal law** – trial and sentencing; disclosure and privilege; subpoenas; contempt

**Law enforcement and security** – public interest immunity; non-publication, suppression, pseudonym and closed court orders; post-sentence and control orders; firearms prohibition orders

**Alternative dispute resolution** – including experience as conciliator and advocate

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

## **Education**

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

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

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## **Selected cases**

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*Guoao Holding Group Co Ltd v Xue (Sentencing)* [2024] FCA 1503 – for the Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia; contempt; sentencing

*R v Waters* [2024] NSWDC 126; *R v Campbell* [2024] NSWDC 147 – conspiracy to possess a commercial quantity of a border-controlled drug

*Inquest into the Death of Mark Haines* – for the Commissioner of Police

*Robodebt Royal Commission* – for the Commonwealth in respect of public interest immunity, legal professional privilege and parliamentary privilege

*State of New South Wales v Fayad (Preliminary)* [2023] NSWSC 115 – interim supervision order

*DTO21 v Australian Crime Commission* [2022] FCAFC 190 – contempt of the Australian Crime Commission; sentencing

*SDCV v Director-General of Security* [2022] HCA 32; 277 CLR 241; *SDCV v Director-General of Security* [2021] FCAFC 51; 284 FCR 357 – judicial power of the Commonwealth; procedural fairness; confidential evidence; national security

*BHL19 v Commonwealth of Australia (No 2)* [2022] FCA 313 – mandamus; mandatory injunction; migration decisions

*Vargas v Minister for Home Affairs* [2021] FCAFC 162; 286 FCR 387 – migration decisions; natural justice; unreasonableness

*Egan v Minister for Home Affairs* [2021] FCAFC 85; 285 FCR 648 – citizenship; jurisdictional error; jurisdictional facts; foreign law

*Director of Public Prosecutions (Cth) v Kinghorn* [2020] NSWCCA 48; 102 NSWLR 72 – prosecutorial duty of disclosure; waiver of legal professional privilege

*Kishore v Tax Practitioners Board* [2016] FCA 1328; 244 FCR 320 (as solicitor advocate) – appeals from the Administrative Appeals Tribunal

## **Publications and presentations**

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M Varley and T Lockwood, 'Judicial review and public interest immunity' (2020) 99 *Australian Institute of Administrative Law Forum* 34

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

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