

CURRICULUM VITAE

SUMMARY

I am an experienced advocate with particular expertise in commercial disputes, corporations, insolvency and disputes concerning property. I specialise in conducting complex commercial cases, working with solicitors, to make strategic decisions and conducting cross-examination.

I work closely with my solicitors and take a collaborative approach to conducting litigation.

I have appeared and continue to appear unled and led in the High Court, in the Court of Appeal of New South Wales, the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the Federal Court, the Full Federal Court, the Supreme Court of Queensland, the Queensland Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court of Victoria.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MAY 2012 – CURRENT – BARRISTER Nine Wentworth Chambers

Practice Areas: Commercial litigation, complex contractual disputes, technology disputes, corporations, insolvency and equity.

2024 – CURRENT – SENIOR MEMBER Anti-Dumping Review Panel

The ADRP is set up under the *Customs Act 1901* (Cth). It is empowered to review and provide recommendations in relation to the decision of the Minister and the Anti-Dumping Commission in relation to Australia's trade remedies. The role of the Senior Member is to lead the ADRP's work and to conduct reviews and provide recommendations under usually rather tight statutory time frames.

NOVEMBER 2010 – MAY 2012 – SENIOR ASSOCIATE Baker & McKenzie

FEBRUARY 2007 – NOVEMBER 2010 – LAWYER Allens

EDUCATION

- **Tertiary Education – Macquarie University**

LANGUAGES

- **English, Farsi, German**

EXPERIENCE IN ARGUING CASES ON APPEAL

I have argued the following appeals unled in appellate courts:

- Jaken Properties Australia & Ors v Naaman* [2024] NSWCA 265 [trustee's right of indemnity].
- Jaken Properties Australia & Ors v Naaman* [2024] NSWCA 265 [a dispute concerning freezing orders and caveats].
- Touma v Highfields* [2024] NSWCA 160 [a dispute concerning the ownership of luxury vehicles; I conducted the trial for the successful plaintiff at trial].
- GJA Kalra v Amgade & Anor* [2023] NSWCA 119 [a dispute concerning claims of promissory estoppel; I conducted the trial for the successful plaintiff at trial].
- Warner Capital v Shazbot* [2020] NSWCA 121 [a dispute between two insolvency practitioners, whether a partnership had been formed between them and whether one had breached his obligations as a partner; I conducted the trial for the successful plaintiff].
- Guan v Lui* [2021] NSWCA 65 [a dispute concerning payments in relation to a sale process concerning a large property development in Sydney; I conducted the trial for the successful plaintiff].

I have also appeared in a number of appeals in intermediate appellate courts across Australia and in the Federal jurisdiction:

- Naaman v Jaken Properties Australia & Ors* [2025] HCA 1 led by Bret Walker SC [trustees' right of indemnity].
- Bluemine Pty Ltd (in liq) v AKA (Civil) Pty Ltd; Earth Civil Australia Pty Ltd (in liq) v AKA (Civil) Pty Ltd; Diamondwish Pty Ltd (in liq) v Ivana Cassaniti; Rackforce Pty Ltd (in liq) v Ivana Cassaniti; RCG CBD* [2022] NSWCA 160 [a dispute concerning a scheme to defraud the Commonwealth and accessorial liability].

- c. *Wise Investments Pty Ltd v Ruddy Tomlins and Baxter, Solicitors* [2019] QCA 271 [a dispute whether real estate had been conveyed with the intention to defraud creditors].
- d. *Stefanovski v Digital Central Australia (Assets) Pty Ltd* [2018] FCAFC 31 [a case concerning restraints of trade].
- e. *Bazzo v Commissioner of Taxation* [2017] FCAFC 139 [a dispute, in which I acted for the Commissioner of Taxation concerning the interpretation of contracts].
- f. *Toben v Nationwide News Pty Ltd* [2016] NSWCA 296 [a defamation case, in which it was found the plaintiff had abused the Court's process; he sought special leave to the High Court, which application was refused].
- g. *Tech Mahindra Limited v Commissioner of Taxation* [2016] FCAFC 130 [a case concerning the Australia / India double tax treaty, in which I acted for the successful Commissioner; the taxpayer sought special leave, which was declined].

EXPERIENCE RUNNING TRIALS AND PROCEEDINGS

I have extensive experience in running trials held in a number of subject areas. The following are some of the proceedings I have conducted held in superior courts that have gone to final judgment. I have advised on many cases, in which I was led, which resolved prior or during trial. I have also conducted many applications of various kinds.

Commercial / contract disputes

- a. *Grapple Pay v Conroy & Anor* [2025] NSWSC 64.
- b. *Balout v Touma and Dobro Dosle* [2025] NSWSC 459.
- c. *Jaken Properties Australia v Naaman* [2022] NSWSC 517.
- d. *Wilcox v Chapple & Ors* [2024] NSWSC 1394.
- e. *The Star Pty Ltd v AB* [2024] NSWSC 69.
- f. *Coyte v Norman* [2016] NSWSC 1242.
- g. *Klees v M101 Holdings* [2021] NSWSC 182.
- h. *Highfields Australia v Advanced Motor Dealers Group Pty Ltd (receivers and managers appointed)* [2023] NSWSC 1458.
- i. *GJA Kalra Pty Ltd v Amgade Pty Ltd and Anor* [2022] NSWSC 509.

- j. *Shazbot Pty Ltd v Warner Capital Pty Ltd* [2018] NSWSC 1645.
- k. *Lui v Guan; Sun Link Group Pty Ltd v Lui* [2019] NSWSC 803.
- l. *Stuart Klees v M101 Holdings Pty Ltd* [2021] NSWSC 182.
- m. *Digital Central Australia (Assets) Pty Ltd v Stefanovski* [2017] FCA 738.

Trustees

- a. *Jaken Properties Australia v Naaman* [2020] NSWSC 1554.
- b. *Wilcox v Chapple* [2020] NSWSC 1859.
- c. *Hiralal v Hiralal* [2019] NSWSC 253.

Land

- a. *Tamanna v Zattere* [2017] NSWSC 1388.
- b. *The Owners Strata Plan No 30621 v Shum* [2018] NSWCATAP 15.
- c. *Fong v Douglas* [2023] NSWSC 1577.
- d. *Belmore 88 Pty Ltd v Douglas* [2023] NSWSC 1011.
- e. *Fobupu Pty Ltd v Hawatt* [2022] NSWSC 1089.
- f. *Pethybridge v Gillard* [2022] NSWSC 10.
- g. *Riddle v White Constructions Pty Ltd* [2018] NSWSC 384.
- h. *Wilkes v Bykowski* [2016] NSWSC 1685.

Corporations / insolvency

- i. *Pleash (Liquidator), in the matter of SFG Relocations Pty Ltd v Fourie (No 3)* [2024] FCA 583.
- j. *In the matter of Spartan Sporting Goods Pty Ltd* [2016] NSWSC 1110.
- k. *In the matter of LB Homes Group Pty Limited* [2016] NSWSC 1659.

- l. *In the matter of GTH Equipment Pty Ltd* [2017] NSWSC 1617.
- m. *In the matter of Yuan Tong Investments Pty Ltd* [2017] NSWSC 910.
- n. *In the matter of Invigor Group Limited* [2019] NSWSC 995.
- o. *Nature's Care Holdings Pty Ltd v Chen* [2024] NSWSC 14.
- p. *Di Gregorio v Lumi Finance Pty Ltd* [2022] NSWSC 1323.
- q. *In the matter of SecureNet Technologies Pty Ltd* [2022] NSWSC 118.
- r. *Re Antqip Hire Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2021] NSWSC 1122.
- s. *Kessly v Beadle as Trustee of the Bankrupt Estate of Evangelina Francisca Kessly* [2020] FCA 607.
- t. *Bailey (liquidator) v Trustee of the Bruce Bros Floor Coverings Trust (No 2)* [2019] FCA 1628.
- u. *Ritson v Commissioner of Police, New South Wales* [2019] FCA 475.
- v. *In the matter of ASPECT* [2018] NSWSC 2048.

Taxation

- a. *Novus Capital Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2018] NSWCATAD 72.
- b. *Caratti v Commissioner of Taxation* [2018] FCA 555.
- c. *Bazzo v Commissioner of Taxation* [2017] FCA 71 and *Caratti v Commissioner of Taxation* [2017] FCA 70.
- d. *Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Miraki (Summary Judgment)* [2021] FCA 136; *Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Miraki (Freezing Orders)* [2021] FCA 1367; *Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Miraki (Application to Amend)* [2021] FCA 1362.

