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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024- Present

Nine Wentworth Chambers

Barrister

Accepting briefs in all areas of law with a particular focus on criminal law, class actions, administrative and commercial law.

2020- 2024

Clayton Utz

Senior Associate

Acted in financial services regulatory matters, multi-plaintiff claims and representative proceedings. Proactively managed class action risk through the provision of legal advice in regulator investigations, enforcement proceedings, and remediation projects, and preparation of witnesses attending hearings, including trials and ASIC examinations.

2016- 2020

Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions

A/Senior Federal Prosecutor, Practice Group Coordinator, and Federal Prosecutor in the Illegal Imports and Exports and Human Exploitation Branch, and Revenue and Benefits Fraud Branch.

Conducted Federal prosecutions involving drug importations, cybercrime, money laundering, child abuse material, tax fraud and benefit fraud offences. Maintained a high caseload practice, which included preparing advice for charge certification, engaging in case conferencing and plea negotiations, drafting of key documents such as Crown Facts as well as preparing of matters for sentence. Where resolution was unsuccessful, prepared matters for trial.

Appeared regularly as a solicitor advocate in sentences, bail applications and severity appeals, and conducted Local Court hearings. Instructed Counsel in trials in the District Court of NSW, and in appeals to the Court of Criminal Appeal.

2013-2016

Australian Government:

Attorney-General's Department

Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

Legal Officer

Recruited into the competitive Graduate Program and gained experience rotating through divisions of the Attorney-General's Department. Upon promotion to Legal Officer in the International Crime Cooperation Division, responsible for processing extradition and mutual assistance requests in the context of international criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Ensured the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission met its legal obligations through the provision of advice on legal, policy, contracting and procurement matters.

ADMISSIONS AND EDUCATION

2024 Called to the New South Wales Bar
2020 Admitted to the High Court of Australia
2013 Admitted as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
2012 College of Law: Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice
2012 Macquarie University: Bachelor of Laws & Bachelor of Arts

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

2019-2024 Company Secretary, International Justice Mission Australia
2018-2020 Volunteer Solicitor, Manly Legal Advice Service
2015-2016 Volunteer Solicitor, Canberra Community Law
