James Fyfe

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Admissions

2026	Barrister – New South Wales Bar
2021	Solicitor – Supreme Court of New South Wales

Education

2019	Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney
2018	Bachelor of Arts, University of Sydney

Awards and recognition

2026 **Christopher Gee QC Memorial Prize**
For the highest aggregate marks in evidence and advocacy in the NSW Bar Association's Bar Practice Course.

Professional experience

2023-2026 **MinterEllison**
Senior Associate
Associate

Acted for Commonwealth clients in appellate, judicial review and merits review proceedings. Maintained a high caseload practice, which included providing advice on prospects and evidence, and progressing matters from filing to hearing. Appeared as a solicitor-advocate in contested final hearings, including in the Federal Court.

2022–2023 **Australian Government Solicitor**
Lawyer

Acted for the Commonwealth in civil proceedings, including several of the largest and most significant class actions and mass tort claims in Australia.

2021–2022 **Gilbert + Tobin**
Lawyer

Acted for commercial clients (mostly in the industrial and agricultural sectors) on all aspects of environment and planning law, primarily in relation to contamination, resumption of land and merits-review prospects.

2020–2021 **HWL Ebsworth**
Solicitor
Graduate

Acted for developers and government authorities in litigation in the merits review, judicial review, civil enforcement and criminal jurisdictions of the NSW Land and Environment Court. Rotated through the insurance (financial lines) team as a graduate.

Principal areas of practice

Administrative Law	Environment and Planning
Class Actions	Equity
Competition and Consumer Law	Insurance
Commercial Law	Public Law

Selected cases (as a solicitor advocate)

Appellate

- *CNN17 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FCA 1017
- *EEF19 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2025] FCA 1444

Judicial review

- *Bartaula v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] FedCFamC2G 1114
- *BKV20 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2025] FedCFamC2G 511
- *DAD18 v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2025] FedCFamC2G 1104
- *Imtiaz v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* [2026] FedCFamC2G 265

Merits review

- *GQHJ and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs (Migration)* [2024] AATA 2630
- *Korat and Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Migration)* [2026] ARTA 305
- *PDNL v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship* [2026] ARTA 661
- *PRSY and Minister for Immigration and Citizenship (Migration)* [2025] ARTA 983