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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2011 – 2012 **INSOLVENCY LAW AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EDUCATION PROGRAM (ARITA/QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY)**
First in course: semester 2
- 2008 – 2010 **MASTER OF LAWS (UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES)**
High Distinction average
Specialisation: Corporate and Commercial Law
▪ *Dean's List for highest mark – Corporate Insolvency Law*
▪ *Dean's List for highest mark – Globalisation and Commercial Law*
▪ *Dean's List for highest mark – Law, Culture and the International*
- 2004 – 2006 **BACHELOR OF LAWS (UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG)**
- 2000 – 2003 **BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY)**
Majors: Finance and Economics

ADMISSIONS

- September 2014 Called to the New South Wales Bar
- June 2007 Solicitor and Barrister of the High Court of Australia
- May 2007 Solicitor and Barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- 2014 – date **BARRISTER, NEW SOUTH WALES BAR**
Representation and advisory practice in commercial disputes, personal injury, insolvency & bankruptcy, banking, equity, building & construction, administrative and migration.
- 2012 – 2014 **SENIOR ASSOCIATE, NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT AUSTRALIA**
▪ Extensive commercial litigation expertise in New South Wales and Federal Courts, including the High Court of Australia, and in appearing in New South Wales and Federal Courts, including in Federal Court bankruptcy appeals.
▪ Acting for and advising major banks, financial institutions, insolvency practitioners and lenders in relation to security documents and complex enforcement issues, proceeds of crime matters, formal and informal restructures, and corporate and personal insolvency issues.
▪ Providing advice and acting in relation to technical insolvency disputes including priority issues, retention of title disputes, the scope and enforceability of securities and claims in relation to the recovery of voidable transactions.
- 2007 – 2012 **ASSOCIATE, NORTON ROSE AUSTRALIA** (predecessor firm to Norton Rose Fulbright Australia)
▪ Experience as detailed above.
- 2005 – 2006 **SUMMER CLERK, DEACONS** (predecessor firm to Norton Rose Fulbright Australia)

**PUBLISHED CASES:
APPEARING**
(selected)

- *Yakushiji v Daiichi Chuo Kisen Kaisha* [2015] FCA 1170: obtaining orders for cross-border insolvency recognition of appointment and consequential orders in matter involving questions of admiralty and insolvency law.
- *Neale v Commonwealth Bank of Australia Ltd trading as Bank of Western Australia* [2015] NSWCA 272: (led by P Dowdy) successfully acted for CBA in opposing appeal against judgment obtained against debtor.
- *Eriksson v Melluish* [2015] FCCA 1223: acted for Trustee in successfully opposing application by examinee to set aside summons.
- *Commonwealth Bank of Australia v James* [2015] NSWDC 68: successfully acted for CBA on opposing application to set aside judgment.
- *Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited v Fisher* [2014] NSWSC 1643: successfully acted for ANZ on opposing stay application.
- *Rabman v Dubs (No 2)* [2012] FCA 1081: successfully acted for the insured on appeal against making of sequestration order by the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia.
- *Rabman v Dubs* [2012] FCA 849: successfully acted for the insured on the application by the debtor for a stay of creditor's petition.
- *Dubs v Rabman* [2012] FMCA 664: successfully acted for the insured on the hearing of a contested creditor's petition.
- *Bank Of Western Australia Ltd v Robert Wise* [2011] FMCA 1042: successfully acting for the Bank on the hearing of a contested creditor's petition.

**CASES:
APPEARING**
(selected)

- *Behrooz v Commonwealth of Australia (2016)*: acting for cross-defendant on claim relating to detention under the *Migration Act* (Supreme Court of New South Wales).
- *In the matter of Heavy Plant Leasing Pty Limited (2015)*: acting for examinees in liquidators' examinations (Supreme Court of New South Wales).
- *In the matter of Copperart Holdings Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) ACN 065 345 968 and Ors (2015)*: acting for administrators in obtaining orders extending convening period in complex administration (Federal Court of Australia).
- *Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited v Eriksson (2013)*: successfully acted for CBA on application to set aside bankruptcy notice (Federal Circuit Court of Australia).
- *Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited ats Wise (2011)*: successfully acted for CBA on application by debtor to stay and set aside judgment (Supreme Court of New South Wales).
- *Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited ats Wise (2011)*: successfully acted for Bank on application by debtor to set aside bankruptcy notice (Federal Magistrates Court of Australia).

**PUBLISHED CASES:
INSTRUCTING
COUNSEL**
(selected)

- *Young, Jr, in the matter of Buccaneer Energy Limited v Buccaneer Energy Limited* [2014] FCA 711: recognition of US Chapter 11 bankruptcy under the *Cross-Border Insolvency Act*.
- *James Woodward Neale v Bank of Western Australia Ltd; Bank of Western Australia Ltd v James Woodward Neale* [2014] NSWSC 315: successfully acting for CBA in defending debtor claims, and in obtaining judgment for the Bank against the debtor.
- *Eriksson v Commonwealth Bank of Australia* [2014] NSWSC 50: successfully acting for CBA in defending debtor claims.
- *Commonwealth Bank of Australia Limited trading as Bank West v Eriksson* [2013] FCCA 2058: acting for CBA in obtaining sequestration order against debtor.
- *SK Foods LP v SK Foods Australia Pty Limited (in Liquidation) (No 3)* [2013] FCA 526: giving effect to United States judgment and applying doctrine of *res judicata*.
- *In the matter of VPlus Superstores Pty Ltd (in liquidation); Southern Pacific Import and Export Pty Ltd (in liquidation); VPlus Supermarket (Gosford) Pty Ltd (in liquidation); VPlus Supermarket (Liverpool) Pty Ltd (in liquidation); VPlus Supermarket (Campsie) Pty Ltd (in liquidation)* [2013] NSWSC 662: obtaining orders for remuneration of liquidators and administrators.
- *In the Matter of VPlus Superstores Pty Ltd* [2012] NSWSC 777: obtaining orders preserving assets of insolvent estate.
- *Geoffrey Alfred Rixon v Perpetual Trustees Victoria Ltd* [2012] NSWSC 106: successfully acting for PTVL in defending negligence and breach of duties claims.

- *Lawrence v Northern Crest Investments Limited (In Liquidation)* [2011] FCA 925: obtaining liquidators' search warrants.
- *Lawrence v Northern Crest Investments Limited (In Liquidation)* [2011] FCA 672: obtaining orders for cross-border insolvency recognition of appointment and consequential orders.
- *Katayama v Japan Airlines Corporation* [2010] FCA 794: obtaining orders for cross-border insolvency recognition of appointment and consequential orders.
- *Perpetual Trustees Victoria v Longobardi* [2009] NSWSC 654: successfully acting for PTVL in obtaining orders for debt and possession.
- *Interstar Wholesale Finance Pty Ltd v Integral Home Loans Pty Ltd* (2008) 257 ALR 292: acting for successful appellant in setting aside decision below on penalties.

PUBLICATIONS

(selected)

- "Bankrupt New Zealander bankrupt in Australia" (2012) 12 (5) *Insolvency Law Bulletin* 118 (with Dr. David Goldman).
- "New Zealand liquidators obtain search warrant in Australia" (2011) 12 (2) *Insolvency Law Bulletin* 44 (with Dr. David Goldman).
- "Claims Presentation and Resolution in Insolvency Proceedings: Australia" chapter published in *Claims Presentation and Resolution in Insolvency Proceedings* (2008) *Insol International* (with Dr. David Goldman).