



GREENWAY CHAMBERS

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Solicitor 2006/ Barrister 2014

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Background

Thomas was called to the Bar in 2014 after having practised as a solicitor for over seven years primarily in professional negligence and insurance disputes, and general commercial litigation. While Thomas continues to practise principally in general commercial, professional negligence and insurance law, he also regularly advises and acts for individuals, companies, and various Federal and State government agencies in a variety of practice areas. He regularly appears in most jurisdictions, especially all State courts and the Federal Court.

Admissions and Qualifications

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| May 2014 | Barrister, New South Wales |
| 7 July 2006 | Solicitor, Supreme Court of New South Wales |
| 2006 | Bachelor of Laws (Hons)/ Bachelor of Science <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Macquarie University (2000 - 2005)• University of Copenhagen, Denmark (2003) |

Areas of Expertise

General Insurance
Law

General
Commercial Law

Common Law
Claims

International
Extradition

Barrister

May 2014 - Current

Practice Areas: General insurance law (coverage advice and defence counsel), general commercial, common law claims and international extradition

Committees: New Barristers' Committee 2016 - 2018
Wellbeing Committee 2024 - current

Senior Associate

Moray & Agnew

May 2011 - December 2013

Practice Areas: Coverage advice and defence representation for professional indemnity, management liability and public liability insurers and insureds

Senior Associate

July 2010 - May 2011 (Senior Associate)

Eakin McCaffery Cox Solicitors

November 2006 - June 2010 (Solicitor)

Practice Areas: General commercial, insurance, insolvency and common law claims

Solicitor

July 2006 - October 2006 (Solicitor)

Abbott Tout Lawyers

July 2004 - June 2005 (Paralegal)

Current Cases - Unled

- Defending a \$100M+ FCA claim for a law firm on instructions from LawCover
- Defending a ~\$4M NSWSC claim for asset valuers on instructions from Insurers
- Defending a ~\$2M NSWSC claim for an architect on instructions from Insurers
- Defending a ~\$1-2M NSWSC claim for a real estate agent on instructions from Insurers
- Counsel for NSW Police, an interested party at an inquest, 5-day hearing in May
- Defending a NSWDC claim of false imprisonment and battery, 5-day hearing in May
- Defending a NSWDC claim for malicious prosecution, 5-day hearing in June
- Defending a NSWDC claim of false imprisonment and battery, 3-day hearing in June
- Counsel for Republic of Hungary seeking the extradition of a person from Australia, NSWLC
- Historical abuse cases on instructions from various institutional clients

Current Cases - Led

- Defending a NSWSC claim on behalf of Dept. of Communities and Justice (led by A. Horvath SC), 5-day hearing May 2025
- Defending a NSWSC claim on behalf of Dept. of Education (led by A. Casselden SC)
- Class action in NSWSC on behalf of female inmates at Dillwynia Correctional Centre (led by D. Villa SC)
- Claim in FCA against insurer for BI-cover (led by D. Lloyd SC)

Previous Cases - Unled

- Bhatia v State of New South Wales [2024] NSWCA 190 - summary disposal
- Gillies v State of New South Wales [2024] NSWCA 146 - leave to appeal opposed
- Pagett v The Sydney Children's Hospital Network [2024] NSWSC 292 - summary disposal
- Special Commission of Inquiry into Offending by Former Corrections Officer Wayne Astill, 2024
- R v TK [2023] NSWDC 663 - statutory interpretation
- Palmer v State of New South Wales [2021] NSWSC 1226 - jurisdiction / pleadings
- Inquest into the deaths of John, Jack and Jennifer Edwards, 2021 - interested parties
- Romania v Livadariu [2020] NSWLC 8 - international extradition
- Defending numerous claims of historical abuse on behalf of government and non-government institutions (e.g. religious and sporting organisations) which tend to settle pre-trial

Previous Cases - Led

- Huynh v Ledinh Sovereign Super Pty Ltd [2024] NSWCA 78 - possession proceedings (led by P. Newton SC)
- Werner v Commonwealth of Australia (No 2) [2022] NSWSC 1727 - limitation of actions (led by P. Knowles SC)
- Edwards v State of New South Wales [2022] NSWCA 187 - malicious prosecution (led by A. Williams)