



GREENWAY CHAMBERS

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## Professional Background

2018 to date: Barrister

2012 to 2018: Senior Associate at Balazs, Lazanas & Welch LLP, Sydney

2000 to 2012: Senior Associate at MinterEllison, Sydney, including:

- Qantas Airways Limited secondment (2010)
- American Express Australia Limited secondment (2008)

## Qualifications

Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (Australian National University, 1998)

Bachelor of Laws (Australian National University, 1998)

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) (Australian National University, 1995)

## Memberships and Accreditations

New South Wales Bar Association, Member

Inquests and Inquiries Committee Member, New South Wales Bar Association

## Selected Publications

'Hurdles Anyone? Setting Aside Judgments in the Commissioner's Favour' Taxation in Australia, Volume 51(1) (2016).

Co-author of the Australian Commercial Litigation chapter of the UK publication, European Lawyer (2011).

Co-contributor to the submission to the Australian Law Reform Commission Inquiry into Discovery in Federal Courts on behalf of large law firms (2011).

## Areas of Expertise

Commercial and Equity Disputes

Taxation Disputes

Inquiries and Inquests

Regulatory Disputes

## Commercial and equity

### **Central West Group Pty Ltd & KWN Rural Pty Ltd v Peter Crown**

NSW Supreme Court dispute concerning recovery of agent's commission (led by V Kerr SC).

### **Doma ACT Pty Ltd v LN Sydney Pty Ltd [2024] ACTSC 270**

Application for rectification of company resolution due to clearly identifiable mistake (led by M O'Meara SC).

### **Ramsay v Gatland [2022] NSWSC 1514**

Contractual claim for recovery of professional costs involving issues arising from costs assessment determinations (unled at first instance and on appeal).

### **Joye Group Pty Ltd v Cemco Projects Pty Ltd [2021] NSWCA 211 and [2021]NSWDC 151**

Dispute arising from the meaning of 'payment schedule' under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999 (NSW) (unled at first instance, by N Simpson on appeal).

### **Tayeh v Commonwealth of Australia, in the matter of 1st Fleet Pty Ltd (In Liq)[2020] FCA 1323**

Acted for the Commonwealth in a corporations law dispute concerning the validity of resolutions passed by a committee of inspection, including whether the committee was validly appointed (led by V Kerr SC).

### **West Asset Holdings Pty Ltd v Sara Investments (NSW) Pty Ltd & anor[2020] NSWSC 1841**

Commercial lease dispute including an application for an interlocutory injunction (led by J Morris SC).

## Taxation

### **Sepideh Miraki v Commissioner of Taxation (2024)**

AAT dispute concerning taxpayer's declared income (unled).

### **Green v Commissioner of Taxation (2024)**

AAT dispute as to whether taxpayer was an Australian resident for tax purposes (unled).

### **Banktech Group Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation [2023] AATA 3850**

Dispute in relation to the GST treatment of fees charged on cash withdrawals from cash dispensing machines (led by M Hirschhorn).

### **Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Peter Day & Ors (2021/2022)**

NSWSC proceedings involving a summons for judgment on tax debts and writs of execution, application for freezing orders and orders for payment into Court (led by L Livingston SC).

### **Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v HPack Investments Pty Ltd & ors [2020] NSWSC 1638**

Winding up application against a trustee company including an application for freezing orders and extensions to those orders (led by S Golledge SC).

### **Scone Racing Club Limited v Commissioner of Taxation [2019] FCA 976**

Dispute as to liability for superannuation guarantee charge on riding fees paid to jockeys (led by N Williams SC and C Withers as he was then).

## Inquiries and inquests

### **Inquest into the deaths of Ljubisa (Les) Vugec and Diane Gai Smith in the 2022 Eugowra floods (2025)**

Acting for NSW State Emergency Service (unled).

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### **Inquest into the death of OA (a pseudonym) (2024)**

Death as a result of police operations, including review of hospital discharge procedures - acted for widow of deceased (unled).

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### **Inquests and inquiries into the 2019/2020 NSW Black Summer Bushfires (2021 - 2023)**

78 sitting days, 25 inquests and 41 fire inquiries - acted for NSW Rural Fire Service (led by S Free SC and N Newton).

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### **Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality & Safety (2019)**

Assisted in the preparation of responses by an insurer to a service provider survey (unled).

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## Regulatory

### **Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd v Minister for Health and Aged Care (2024)**

Acted for the Therapeutic Goods Administration in relation to an AAT application for review of a decision made by the Minister not to enter a product on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (led by M O'Meara SC).

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### **Fausto Martin v Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (2020)**

Acted for the Commonwealth in NSW Supreme Court proceedings relating to the validity of the engagement of assessment panels under the Public Sector Superannuation Scheme Rules (led by D Hogan-Doran SC)

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