



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

Inquiries and Inquests

Regulatory Disputes

Commercial and Equity Disputes

Taxation Disputes

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).

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).

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).

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality & Safety (2019)

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

Regulatory Disputes

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).

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)

Commercial and Equity Disputes

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 Disputes

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 Gollidge 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).