



GREENWAY CHAMBERS

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Solicitor 2013 / Barrister 2021

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Practice

Matt works in all areas of law with a particular passion for administrative and planning and environmental law. He brings his diverse knowledge and skills to bear on a range of disputes including in employment law, anti-discrimination law, commercial law, property, and consumer and commercial law, across state and federal jurisdictions. He appears both unled and led in all Courts and Tribunals from the Court of Appeal to the Local Court and NCAT.

Matt adopts a strategic, collaborative and results-focused approach to all matters. Matt previously completed a Master of Laws with Distinction at University College London, focusing on constitutional and national security law, and worked as an Associate at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Professional Recognition

- Best Lawyers Australia, Ones to Watch 2026 - Planning & Environment Law.
- Doyle's Guide 'Planning & Environment - NSW, 2026': Leading.
- Doyle's Guide 'Planning & Environment - NSW, 2025': Leading.
- Doyle's Guide 'Planning & Environment - NSW 2024': Recommended.

Qualifications

Master of Laws (Distinction) University College London | 2015 - 2016

- First place in Aspects of National Security Law.
- First place in Jurisprudence and Legal Theory A.

Bachelor of Arts with the Degree of Bachelor of Laws (Honours Class I) Macquarie University | 2007 - 2012

- Holding Redlich Prize for first place in Litigation (2011).
- Margaret Thornton Prize for first place in Discrimination and the Law (2010).
- Macquarie Law School Prize for first place in International Human Rights Law (2010).
- Blake Dawson Waldron Prize for Proficiency in Second Year Law (2008).
- First place in Australian History Since 1901 (2011).
- First place in Travel, Tourism and Cultural Production (2009).

Notable Cases as a Barrister

Appellate

Etherington v North Sydney Council [2026] NSWCA 137 (led by T To SC)

Seek Justice Pty Ltd v Blue Mountains Local Planning Panel/Blue Mountains City Council; Seek Justice Pty Ltd v Minister for Planning [2025] NSWCA 201 (unled)

Stephenson v Dental Corporation Pty Ltd [2025] QCA 212 (led by J Darams SC).

Cameron v Woollahra Municipal Council (2024) 115 NSWLR 239 (led by J Lazarus SC).

May v NorthernBeaches Council [2023] NSWCA 205 (unled).

Altius Pty Ltd v AbignanoNominees Pty Ltd [2023] NSWCA 177 (led by T Lynch SC).

Royal CaribbeanCruises v Rawlings(2022) 107 NSWLR 51 (led by E Cox SC)

Administrative Law

Levi Investments 17 Pty Limited v Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Ors [2026] NSWLEC 88 (led by J Lazarus SC)

Sandercock v The Hills Shire Council [2026] NSWCATAD 191 (unled)

Darley v City of Parramatta [2026] NSWCATAP 64 (unled)

Katsifis v Canterbury Bankstown Council [2026] NSWCATAD 67 (unled)

Commissioner of Police, New South Wales Police Force v Attorney General of New South Wales [2025] NSWSC 1119 (led by A Casselden SC)

Liverpool City Council v Minister for Local Government and Ors [2024] NSWLEC94 (led by N Sharp SC).

Harry v Inner West Council (No 3) [2024] NSWSC1027 (unled).

Seek Justice Pty Ltd v Minister for Planning (No 2) [2024] NSWLEC 68 (unled).

Randwick City Council v Belle Living Pty Ltd (No 2) [2023] NSWLEC 100 (led by J Lazarus SC).

Ballina Shire Councilv Joblin [2022] NSWLEC90 (unled).

Elmasri v Transportfor NSW [2021] NSWSC 929 (led by B Tronson).

Calvo v Ministerfor Home Affairs (AAT- unreported).

Coronial

Inquests and Inquiries into the 2019/2020 NSW Bushfire Season(led by A Casselden SC)

Planning and Environment

Lane Cove Municipal Council v Wechsler [2026] NSWLEC 70 (unled)

Leppington Main 88 Pty Limited v Camden Council [2026] NSWLEC 1104 (led by J Lazarus SC).

NF Billyard Pty Limited v Penrith City Council [2026] NSWLEC 1039 (unled)

Dao v Inner West Council [2025] NSWLEC 1741 (unled)

Refalo v Liverpool City Council [2025] NSWLEC 108 (unled)

Lynch v The Council of the City of Sydney [2025] NSWLEC 1574 (unled)

Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd v Independent Planning Commission [2025] NSWLEC 1525 (led by M Wright SC).

Belle Living Pty Ltd v Randwick City Council [2024] NSWLEC 1364 (led by J Lazarus SC).

Vortex Developments Pty Ltd tradingas Plannex Environmental Planning v The Council of the Municipality of Kiama [2024] NSWLEC 1755 (led by M Wright SC).

Blackman v DungogShire Council [2024] NSWLEC 1792 (unled).

PDS Engineering Division Pty Ltd v NorthSydney Council [2024] NSWLEC1722 (led by M Wright SC).

KRV Investments Pty Ltdv Liverpool City Council [2024] NSWLEC 1738 (unled).

Flanagan Avenue Pty Ltd vLiverpool City Council [2022] NSWLEC 152 (unled).

Mirvac Retail Sub SPV Pty Limited v City of Canada Bay Council [2021] NSWLEC1598 (unled).

Muscat Developments Pty Ltd v Wollondilly Shire Council [2021] NSWLEC 1738 (led by M Astill).

Employment

Inquests and Inquiries into the 2019/2020 NSW Bushfire Season(led by A Casselden SC)

Commercial

Fortius Broadway No 1 Pty Ltd v ACN 103 211 141 Pty Ltd [2026] NSWSC 710 (unled)

Stephenson v Dental Corporation [2025] QSC 82 (led by J Darams SC)

El-Rihani v Sbeiti [2024] NSWSC 597 (unled)

In the matter of Netlinkz Limited (2024 – Supreme Court) (unled)

El-Rihani v Hotait (No 2) [2023] FCA 375 (led by T Lynch SC).

The Owners – Strata Plan No. 91016 v Upright Builders Pty Ltd (No 2) [2023] NSWSC 867 (led by I Roberts SC).

Chopsonion Pty Ltd (Controllers Appointed) v Watts Meat Machinery Pty Ltd (No 2) [2022] FCA 327 (unled).

Contempt/Criminal

R v Tao Asset Investments Pty Ltd (2026 – Local Court) (unled).

R v Harry (2025 – District Court) (unled)

R v The Owners- Strata Plan 55910 (2024 – Local Court) (unled).

Fairfield City Council v Camilleri [2024] NSWLEC56 (unled).

Ballina Shire Council v Joblin [2022] NSWLEC90 (unled).