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Principal Practice Areas

Insurance Law
Strata Law
Property Law
Building & Construction Law
Public Liability
Work Injury Damages
Property Damage
Professional Negligence

Admissions

August 2019 — Solicitor, Supreme Court of NSW

Education

2019	Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice	College of Law
2017	Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of International Studies	University of Wollongong

Professional Experience

2025	External Dispute Resolution Case Manager	Zurich
2024-2025	Lawyer – Strata, Property, Building and Construction Disputes	Chambers Russell
2022-2024	Lawyer – Defendant Insurance Litigation	McCulloch & Buggy

Selected Matters (Solicitor) and Dispute Resolution Experience

Work Injury Damages

- *Worker v Major Retailer* – extent of alleged knee impairment, residual earning capacity and relevance of greyhound-racing income to economic loss.
- *Labour Hire Worker v Major Retailer* – respective duties of the host employer and labour hire company, including whether pick-rate KPIs created an unsafe system of work.
- *In-store Product Representative v Major Retailer* – respective duties of the retailer and contracted product supplier, and medical causation in the context of significant pre-existing pathology and surgical intervention.
- *Worker v Local Council* – pure mental harm claim arising from witnessing an act of violence.

Public Liability

- *Patron v Major Retailer* – disputed mechanism of injury and medical causation in the context of a pre-existing chronic condition; interlocutory disputes concerning withdrawal of an accepted offer and costs thrown away following vacation of the hearing.
- *Brydens v Uin; GMP v Brydens* – competing solicitors' equitable lien claims over settlement proceeds, where client remained subject to statutory Centrelink and Medicare repayment obligations.
- *Lee v Council of the City of Sydney* – alleged trip on a raised footpath paver; disputed mechanism of injury, road authority immunity, actual knowledge and obvious risk.

- *Patron v Local Council* – catastrophic injury sustained by a teenager on a mountain-bike jump; respective responsibilities of the trail operator and council landowner, including allegations of negligent trail design.
- *Patron v Major Retailer* – disputed supermarket slip-and-fall claim; successfully opposed the plaintiff's application seeking orders for a site view by reference to the *Evidence Act 1995* (NSW).

Property Damage

- *Moussa v Camden Council & Ors* – Supreme Court representative proceedings concerning residential land subsidence and allegedly unsuitable fill following extensive historical earthworks and geotechnical investigations.
- *Pilot v Local Council* – aircraft damage arising from an attempted take-off from a runway closed for repairs; adequacy of closure warnings and markings, and the pilot's compliance with aviation safety requirements and Notices to Airmen.

Professional Negligence

- *TCM Client v TCM Practitioner* – liver failure allegedly caused by herbs prescribed by a traditional Chinese medicine practitioner; standard of care in prescribing and monitoring potentially hepatotoxic treatment, together with an ACL statutory guarantee claim.

Strata, Property, Building and Construction Disputes

- Advised an owners corporation on potential claims arising from subsidence allegedly caused by defective stormwater drainage from a neighbouring strata scheme.
- Advised an owners corporation on statutory and contractual issues arising from substantial common-property remedial works, including DBPA compliance, regulated designs, insurance, variations and the scope of an earlier settlement deed.
- Advised an owners corporation on the proposed subdivision and sale of a garage lot within an existing strata scheme, including statutory restrictions, approvals, service infrastructure, valuation, transaction structure and the need for specialist tax advice.
- Advised an owners corporation on the implementation of a settlement deed governing rectification works, including whether amendments sought by a lot owner fell within the agreed scope and whether associated loss of rent, legal costs and expert expenses were covered under the strata insurance policy.

Building Defects

- Acted for owners corporations in several high-value Supreme Court building defects proceedings against developers, builders, consultants and subcontractors involving claims in negligence, for breach of statutory warranties under the *Home Building Act 1989* (NSW) and for breach of statutory duty under the *Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020* (NSW).

External Dispute Resolution – General Insurance

- Managed a portfolio of AFCA complaints across motor, landlord, travel, marine and business insurance, including written submissions, conciliations, settlement negotiations and advice on coverage, causation, quantum and policy interpretation.