
Admissions and qualifications

Barrister: 2007
Solicitor Advocate: 2004 (High Court of England & Wales)
Solicitor: 2001 (NSW)

BCL (postgraduate law), Oxford University, Distinction (2003).
Bachelor of Laws, University of Sydney, First Class Honours (2000).
Bachelor of Commerce, University of Sydney (1999).

Awards/rankings

Doyles Guide 2015 - 2019 (NSW) – “Preeminent” Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Junior Counsel
Doyles Guide 2015 - 2019 (NSW) - “Preeminent” Insolvency and Restructuring Junior Counsel
Chambers & Partners 2018 – 2019 – Band 1 Insolvency and Restructuring Junior Counsel, described as “*of the juniors, probably the best around*” and as “*On his feet in court David exudes a reassuring calmness and is an effective advocate.*”

Professional experience

Associate, Advocacy Unit, Herbert Smith, London (Aug 2005 – Feb 2007).
Associate, Commercial Litigation, Herbert Smith (now Herbert Smith Freehills), London (Sep 2003 - Aug 2005).
Legal Researcher/Tipstaff to Beazley JA (now Governor of NSW), NSW Court of Appeal (July 2001 - June 2002).
Associate, Mallesons Stephen Jacques, Sydney (June 2000 - July 2001).

Selected recent cases

The Bell Litigation – Distribution Proceedings (acting for ICWA in various proceedings concerning the distribution of proceeds from the earlier Bell bank litigation) (various appearances and also led appearances with N Hutley SC and G Rich SC).

Network Ten Pty Ltd v TX Australia Pty Ltd [2018] NSWCA 312 (commercial contract dispute - acting for Seven Network Operations Ltd).

DIF Global Investment Fund Co Ltd v Babcock and Brown International Ltd (fiduciary duties - acting for a director).

Petersen Superannuation Fund Pty Ltd v Bank of Queensland (2018) ASCR 258 (class action - acting for Petersen in various appearances and also led appearances with R McHugh SC).

Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services - acting for Macquarie Bank with G Rich SC.

Public Inquiry Under the Charitable Fundraising Act (the RSL NSW Inquiry) – acting for RSL NSW.

Turner v MyBudget Pty Ltd [2018] FCA 1407 (class action – acting for MyBudget with C Moore SC).

Mighty River International Ltd v Hughes (2018) 92 ALJR 822 (deed of company arrangement – acting for Mighty River with R Newlinds SC).

Reliance Rail Pty Ltd v Permanent Custodians Ltd (2017) 122 ACSR 317 (commercial contract dispute - acting for Permanent Custodians).

RBC Investor Services Australia Nominees Pty Ltd v Brickworks Ltd (2017) 348 ALR 605 (oppression proceedings – acting for Soul Pattinson with N Hutley SC).

Kimberely Diamonds Ltd v Arnautovic (2017) 252 FCR 244 (liquidator examinations – acting for Kimberely Diamonds).

Admark Property Group Pty Ltd (in liq) v GJ Building & Contracting Pty Ltd (2017) 94 NSWLR 777 (contempt of Court).

Treadtel International Pty Ltd v Cocco (2016) 316 FLR 318 (membership rights and remedies).

Hall v Hall (2016) 257 CLR 490 (family law – property and maintenance – with DF Jackson QC).

In the matter of Warwick Keneally as administrator of Australian Blue Mountain International Cultural & Tourist Group Pty Ltd (admin apptd) [2015] NSWSC 937 (16 July 2015) (removal of administrator).

John Sheahan v Martin Thompson [2015] NSWSC 871 (2 July 2015) (fiduciary duties).

J Huang & Anor v D Wang [2015] NSWSC 510 (fiduciary duties).

In the matter of Waterfront Investments Group Pty Limited (in liquidation) [2015] NSWSC 18 (uncommercial transactions).

Lehman Bros Holdings Inc v City of Swan (2010) 240 CLR 509 (deed of company arrangements – with N Hutley SC).

BE Australia WD Pty Ltd (subject to a Deed of Company Arrangement) v Sutton (2011) 285 ALR 532 (deed of company arrangement – with R Newlinds SC).