

## DOMINIC DELANY

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Dominic commenced practice at the bar in 2018. He accepts briefs in commercial law, equity, insolvency, insurance, public and administrative law, planning and environment law, white-collar crime, and real property.

Since coming to the bar Dominic has acted led and unled in a broad range of areas and jurisdictions. In each year he has been at the bar, Dominic has been named by *Best Lawyers* in the area of litigation; this year Dominic has also been named by *Best Lawyers* in the area of insolvency and reorganisation law. The Legal 500 ranked Dominic as one of the Rising Stars at the Australian Bar in 2021 and 2022. The publication noted feedback that Dominic ‘*displays a level of ability well in excess of his seniority – and indeed uncommon at any level of the junior bar;*’ ‘*I would place Dominic in the company of other exceptional junior barristers at the commercial bar. He is smart, sensible, responsive and commercial.*’ In the 2023, 2024 and 2025 editions of the Legal 500, Dominic was recognised as a Leading Junior in Commercial Disputes.

Prior to coming to the bar, Dominic practiced as a commercial litigator in Sydney for 7 years, initially at Baker & McKenzie, and then for 6 years at Arnold Bloch Leibler, including as a senior associate. Before then, Dominic worked as an associate to Drummond AJA working on *Westpac Banking Corporation v Bell Group Ltd (in liq) (No 3)* (2012) 44 WAR 1; (2012) 270 FLR 1; (2012) 89 ACSR 1; [2012] WASCA 157.

Dominic speaks Chinese (Mandarin) to a professional working proficiency, having spent two years studying in China, including one year at Tsinghua University studying Chinese law and literature as part of his undergraduate degree.

## EDUCATION

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<b>2010</b>	Bachelor of Laws (Honours) / Bachelor of Asian Studies (Specialist) (Chinese), ANU
<b>2004</b>	Diploma of Chinese Language, Liaoning University
<b>2002</b>	Associate Diploma of Music (Piano Performance), Australian Music Examination Board, University of Melbourne

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**2018 to date**

**Barrister**

Alinea Chambers

June 2019 to date

5<sup>th</sup> Floor St James Hall

May 2018 to May 2019

Selected cases:

*Commercial law, equity, insolvency, insurance, tort*

- *In the matter of Bentleys Wealth Advisors NSW Pty Ltd*, Victorian Supreme Court, (led by P Crutchfield KC) (oppression) (ongoing)
- *Wang & Anor v Cai & Ors*, NSW Supreme Court, (led by P Braham SC and with J Braithwaite) (misleading conduct, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duties) (ongoing)
- *Girgis v Vinyl Group Ltd; Seventh Street Holding Pty Ltd ATF the Seventh Street Trust & Anor v Vinyl Group Ltd*, NSW Supreme Court, (unled) (breach of contract) (ongoing)
- *In the matter of GR Capital Group Pty Ltd (in liquidation)*, NSW Supreme Court, (unled) (insolvent trading claim) (ongoing)
- *Yang ats Goldmate Group Pty Ltd*, Federal Court (led by S Lawrance SC) (fraud, breach of fiduciary duties, breach of contract) (ongoing)
- *Manboom Pty Ltd v Jemena Gas Networks*, NSW Supreme Court (led by PM Wood) (trespass, statutory authority) (ongoing)
- *Alto Pty Ltd v GM Holden Ltd & Ors* (NSW Supreme Court) (led by M Henry SC) (breach of contract, misleading or deceptive conduct) (ongoing)
- *Pure Metals Pty Ltd v Shaw & Partners Ltd* [2025] NSWSC 371 (led by P Crutchfield KC, unled on the application the subject of the judgment) (breach of contract, misleading or deceptive conduct, breach of fiduciary duties, conversion, breach of s 798H of the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth)) (ongoing)
- *Wright Prospecting Pty Ltd Pty Ltd v Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd*, Supreme Court of Western Australia (led by C Withers SC, A Hochroth, and with C Ernst) (reserved)
- *Guo v Yufeng Investment Group (Australia) Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1599 (led by M Henry SC) (breach of contract, joint venture, breach of fiduciary duties)
- *Guo v HD International Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1283 (unled) (application to replace trustee of a trust)
- *Eleanor Funds Management Ltd v Alceon Group Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 1291; [2024] FCAFC 121 (led by M Henry SC) (misleading or deceptive conduct)
- *Yan v Won Capital Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 758 (unled) (debt claim, operation of illegality defence under the laws of the People's Republic of China, application to set aside deed of company arrangement)
- *Yan v Spyarakis (Trustee), Bankrupt Estate of Liu* [2024] FCA 768 (unled) (application to replace trustee of bankrupt estate)
- *Mao v Bao* (2023) 113 NSWLR 26; [2023] NSWCA 278 (led by P Knowles SC) (equitable set-off)

- *Chief Disruption Officer Pty Ltd atf McDonald Family Trust v Michel (No 3)* (2022) 164 ACSR 476 (led by M Condon SC) (expedited hearing concerning the conduct of a technology company involving oppression, breach of contract, unconscionable conduct)
- *In the matter of ACN 004 410 833 Ltd (formerly Arrium Limited)* (NSW Supreme Court) (led by P Crutchfield KC, M Borsky KC, P Holmes, and D Snyder, and with B Ng) (administrators' examinations, acting for the deed administrators including unled; then insolvent trading claim for the liquidators against former officers; settled prior to the conclusion of the final hearing, and see *In the matter of ACN 004 410 833 Ltd (formerly Arrium Limited) (in Liquidation)* [2021] NSWSC 799)
- *Chervell Creek Coal Pty Ltd v BHP Queensland Coal Investments & Ors* (QLD Land Court) (Led by B Walker SC, J Gleeson SC, N Owens SC, D De Jersey KC, J Redwood SC, L Sheptooha and ors) (dispute in the QLD Land Court concerning loss of an opportunity; settled prior to final hearing, and see *Chervell Creek Coal Pty Ltd v BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd & Ors (No 27)* [2020] QLC 32)
- *In the matter of Equada Pty Ltd* (NSW Supreme Court) (led by R Foreman SC) (proceedings concerning liquidator's conduct; settled prior to final hearing)
- *Techfront Australia Pty Ltd v QMS Media Ltd & Ors* (NSW Supreme Court) (unled) (breach of contract claim, settled before final hearing)
- *Carol Mei Hui & Ors v Dale Champion & Ors* [2019] FCA 1111 (led by D Sulan) (expedited proceedings concerning alleged breaches of directors' duties)
- *Citystar International Pty Ltd v Elite 100 Australia Pty Ltd* [2019] NSWDC 454 (unled) (proceedings concerning oral contracts, misleading or deceptive conduct)
- Appearances at ASIC examinations
- Appearances at ICAC investigations
- Appearances at liquidators and administrators examinations
- Appearances in complex confidential arbitrations

#### *Public law*

- Prosecutions under the *Water Management Act 2000* for the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NSW Land and Environment Court) (Led variously by S Callan SC and subsequently D Tynan, R Beasley SC and R White (resolved))
- *BEB16 v Minister for Home Affairs* [2019] FCA 2097 (unled for the Minister) (judicial review application)
- *CJS17 v Minister for Immigration & Border Protection & Anor* [2019] FCCA 440 (unled for the Minister) (judicial review application); [2019] FCA 1870 (on appeal, unled for the Minister)
- *FQD18 & Ors v Minister for Immigration & Border Protection & Anor* [2019] FCCA 648 (unled for the Minister) (judicial review application)
- *Ghumaan v Minister for Home Affairs (Citizenship)* [2019] AATA 200 (unled for the Minister) (appeal against revocation of citizenship)
- *Harris v Mathieson* [2019] NSWSC 1064 (led by C Lenehan SC) (application for judicial review of notices issued under the *Water Management Act 2000*)

**2013 to 2018**

**Solicitor / Senior Associate, Arnold Bloch Leibler**

Selected cases:

- *Adani Abbot Point Terminal Pty Ltd v Lake Vermont Resources Pty Limited & Ors*, [2020] QSC 260; [2021] QCA 187 (contractual construction, breach of contract, unconscionable conduct) (Dominic acted during the commencement of the matter before leaving for the bar)
- *Woolworths Ltd v About Life Ltd* [2017] NSWSC 1117; (2017) 18 BPR 36,983 (contractual construction, equity - priority, notice)
- *Australia Capital Financial Management Pty Ltd v Linfield Developments Pty Ltd* [2017] NSWCA 99; (2017) 18 BPR 36,683 (equity – priority, notice)
- *Akea Ltd & Ors v Paltar Petroleum Ltd & Ors*, NSW Supreme Court Proceeding no 250753 of 2014 (misleading and deceptive conduct, unconscionable conduct)
- *Guo & Anor v Song & Ors*, NSW Supreme Court Proceeding no 92649 of 2015 (ongoing) (breach of contract, fiduciary duties, oppression)
- *Ellimark v Calvo Pty Ltd*, [2016] HCASL 238; *Calvo v Ellimark Pty Ltd* [2016] NSWCA 136 (construction of notice issued under a deed, Contracts Review Act); *Ellimark Pty Ltd v Calvo* [2015] NSWSC 1240 (construction of notice issued under a deed, unconscionable conduct, Contracts Review Act)
- *Investec Australia Finance Pty Limited v Nande* [2016] FCA 731 (bankruptcy)
- *Minumbra Pty Ltd v AM Lancewood Investment Nominees Pty Limited* (2015) 17 BPR 33,781; [2015] NSWSC 302 (construction of a contract of guarantee, subrogation)
- *Bettersvale v Warehouse Solutions International (No 3)* [2015] NSWSC 1356 (validity of notices to quit, options under sub-leases)
- *Blairgowrie Trading Ltd v Allco Finance Group Ltd (Recs & Mgrs Aptd)(In Liq)* (2015) 325 ALR 539; (2015) 108 ACSR 1; [2015] FCA 811 ('common fund' application)
- *Ashton v Pratt* (2015) 88 NSWLR 281; (2015) 318 ALR 260; [2015] NSWCA 12 (estoppel, contract)
- *In the matter of Brickworks Limited v M.H. Carnegie & Co Pty Limited* [2014] FCA 1313 (oppression)
- *In the matter of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Black* (criminal prosecution of the former chief financial officer of the company then known as ABC Learning Centres Ltd for contraventions of s. 1309(1) of the Corporations Act)
- *Minumbra Lancewood Pty Ltd v AM Lancewood Investment Nominees Pty Limited* [2013] NSWSC 1929 (construction of clause in loan agreement)

**2012                                      Solicitor, Baker & McKenzie**

**2011                                      Associate to Drummond AJA, Western Australian Supreme Court,  
Court of Appeal**