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AREAS OF LAW

Tamasin has been practising law for over 20 years, specialising in all areas of commercial law, with a particular focus on Consumer Law, Franchising Disputes, Contract Law, Equity and Trusts, Corporations Law and Regulatory matters.

Tamasin regularly appears unled in the Supreme Court of NSW and the Federal Court of Australia and has appeared led in the High Court of Australia, the Full Federal Court and the NSW Court of Appeal. She was recognized by the Legal 500 as a 'rising star' in 2022 and as a 'leading junior' in 2023 and 2024.

SELECT MATTERS

Consumer Law and Franchising Disputes

AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd; Full Federal Court Proceedings VID 67/2024; AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd [2023] FCA 1022 – acting for Mercedes-Benz in a franchising dispute concerning Mercedes-Benz's adoption of a new business model; allegations of breach of good faith, unconscionable conduct and economic duress (led by R Craig KC and K Foley SC, with ors, instructed by Maddocks)

Narellan Franchise Pty Ltd & Anor v RMBE Pty Ltd & Ors; Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings 2022/168564 – acting for Narellan in a restraint of trade and breach of confidential information dispute in the franchising context (led by R Craig KC, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright Australia)

Quebani Pty Ltd & Anor v McDonald's Australia Ltd; Supreme Court of Victoria Proceedings 2021/01395 – acting for McDonald's in a franchising dispute concerning the termination of a franchise agreement; allegations of unconscionable conduct (led by R Craig KC, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright Australia)

Lian Fa International Dining Business Corporation v Mu [2021] FCA 1527 – ongoing dispute between Taiwanese franchisor and its Australian master franchisee concerning the termination of the master franchise agreement (unled, instructed by Maddocks)

Lecos Corporate Pty Ltd t/as Movenpick Sydney CBD v Nestle Australia Ltd trading as Movenpick Ice Cream & Ors; Federal Court Proceedings NSD 43/2017 - franchising dispute, acting for Lecos (led by T Alexis SC, instructed by Axelereit)

Ritch Pty Ltd v Kentucky Fried Chicken Pty Ltd; District Court of NSW Proceedings 2019/382278 - franchising dispute, acting for KFC (unled, instructed by Maddocks)

Equity and Trusts

EG FuelCo (Australia) Ltd v Ampol Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd [2021] NSWSC 989 -mandatory interlocutory injunction application seeking to compel rebranding (led by A McGrath SC, instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills)

Gooley v Gooley [2021] NSWSC 56 - contested probate proceedings concerning an estate of significant value (with J Knackstredt, instructed by Macpherson Kelley)

Gooley & Anor v Gooley & Ors; Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings 2021/193448 and 2021/248827 – interim injunctive relief; proper construction of various trust deeds, breach of fiduciary duties of trustee, unconscionable conduct and undue influence (with J Knackstredt, instructed by Macpherson Kelley)

Contract Law

Cushman & Wakefield Pty Ltd v Ampol Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd, Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings 2022/152220 - contractual construction, estoppel, waiver, termination, quantum meruit (unled, instructed by McCullough Robertson)

Cromarty Resources Pty Ltd v Thalanga Copper Mines Pty Ltd [2021] NSWCA 284; Thalanga Copper Mines Pty Ltd v Cromarty Resources Pty Ltd and Red River Resources Limited [2021] NSWSC 640 – repudiation (renunciation) of a long-term royalty contract (led by A McGrath SC, instructed by McCullough Robertson)

Sheridan v Insurance Australia Limited t/as NRMA; Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings 2023/363153 - formation of contract and contractual construction case (unled, instructed by Macpherson Kelley)

Flowbird Australia Pty Ltd v Downer EDI Engineering Power Pty Ltd; Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings 2020/344524 – proper construction of a long-term information technology contract (unled, instructed by Macpherson Kelley)

Oriental Merchant Pty Ltd v Nongshim Co Ltd & Anor; Supreme Court of Victoria Proceedings 2018/877 - alleged breach of implied distribution agreement and alleged misleading and deceptive conduct (led by R Craig KC, instructed by Maddocks)

Belgravia Nominees Pty Ltd v Lowe Pty Ltd [No 6] [2019] WASC 5 - breach of long-term informal contract and breach of fiduciary duties (Led by C Zelestis KC and B Dharmananda SC, with M Sims, instructed by Jackson McDonald)

Corporations Law and Insolvency

BIG Review TV Ltd (In Liq) v FC Securities Pty Ltd & Ors; Federal Court Proceedings NSD 921/2022 - breach of statutory and fiduciary duties case including allegations of knowing involvement and knowing assistance (ed by P Braham SC, instructed by Macpherson Kelley)

In the matter of CBCH Group Pty Ltd (No 3) [2020] FCA 555; (No 2) [2020] FCA 472 – these were the first cases nationally dealing with commercial rent during the COVID-19 pandemic (led by V Whittaker SC, instructed by Hamilton Locke)

In the matter of Synergy Medical Imaging Pty Ltd; Supreme Court of NSW Proceedings 2020/195497 - winding up proceedings concerning a conglomerate of radiology practices run by interrelated trusts (unled, instructed by Baker Love)

NEE v Sirmans; Federal Court Proceedings WAD 214/2018- oppression proceedings concerning various interrelated companies and trusts (led by M Howard SC, instructed by Grammercy Legal)

Regulatory and other

Commissioner of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission v Valmar Support Services; Federal Court Proceedings NSD 1293/2023 and Commissioner of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission v Aurora Community Care Pty Ltd; Federal Court Proceedings NSD 1293/2023 – regulatory proceedings concerning contraventions of the NDIS Act (leg by R Craig KC, instructed by HWL Ebsworth)

ASIC v Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited [2020] FCA 716 and ASIC v Bank of Queensland Limited [2021] FCA 957 - these were the first cases under the unfair contracts regime in the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2000 (Cth) following the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (led by R Scruby SC, instructed by ASIC)

Bosanac v the Commissioner of Taxation; High Court of Australia Proceedings P8/2020; Bosanac v Commissioner of Taxation [2019] HCA 41; Bosanac v Commissioner of Taxation [2019] FCAFC 116; Bosanac v Commissioner of Taxation [2018] FCA 946 – income tax matter that proceeded to an application in the original jurisdiction of the High Court and, separately, an application for special leave to the High Court (led by S Sharpley KC and A Musikanth, instructed by the AGS)

QUALIFICATIONS, ROLES AND PRIZES

Bachelor of Commerce - The University of Sydney (1998)

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) - The University of Sydney (2000)

Henry Davis York (1999 - 2012)

House of Commons, United Kingdom (2015)

Norton Rose Fulbright (2015-2016)

Best Performed Reader (Trial Advocacy) Bar Readers Course (2017)

Advocacy coach with the Australian Advocacy Institute the NSW Bar Association and the Australian Bar Association in Australia and Singapore