

Admissions Barrister, 2020
Solicitor, 2000

Qualifications BCL (Oxon), 2006
BA/LLB (Hons) (Auckland), 2000
Senior Prize in Law; winner Stout Shield Mooting Competition; winner Gary Davis Memorial Prize and Geoffrey Powell Prize for best individual mooter and best team

Professional experience

2020 – present	Alinea Chambers, Barrister
2017 – 2018	SBA Lawyers, Senior Associate
2015 – 2016	Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Senior Legal Counsel
2012 – 2014	Arnold Bloch Leibler, Senior Associate
2001 – 2011	Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills) Senior Associate (2006 – 2011) Solicitor (2001 – 2005)
2000 – 2001	Rudd Watts & Stone, New Zealand Solicitor and Law Clerk

Areas of practice

- Commercial
- Corporations & directors' duties
- Banking & financial services
- Competition & consumer
- Equity & trusts
- Regulatory
- Professional discipline



ELIZABETH STEER
Barrister

Liz appears in a wide range of complex commercial litigation and arbitrations, as well as regulatory investigations and related proceedings. Her clients include public and private companies as well individuals, across a range of industry sectors. She appears both led and unled.

As a solicitor, Liz acted in a wide range of matters, including ICAC, ASIC and ACCC investigations; major commercial litigation including *Seven Network Ltd & C7 v News Limited & Ors*; and the Inquest into the death of Mrs Dianne Brimble.

The following is a selection of matters in which Liz has been briefed as counsel.

Regulatory

ASIC v Nuix Limited & Ors (judgment pending) appearing for a non-executive director in relation to alleged breaches of directors' duties in relation to Nuix's continuous disclosure obligations. Led by Patrick Knowles SC and instructed by Mangioni Biggs + Co.

ASIC v Insurance Australia Limited appearing for IAL in civil penalty proceedings in relation to pricing representations. A copy of the Federal Court's decision is [here](#). Led by John Sheahan KC and Sera Mirzabegian SC. Instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills.

Olive Financial Markets Pty Limited v ASIC appearing for Olive Financial Markets on appeal to the AAT against ASIC's cancellation of Olive's AFSL. The AAT's decision is [here](#). Led by Michael Henry SC. Instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.

Class actions

Lay & Batchelor v Nuix Limited and Ors appearing for a non-executive director in relation to alleged breaches of directors' duties. Led by Patrick Knowles SC. Instructed by Mangioni Biggs + Co.

Banking & finance

Commonwealth Bank of Australia v Kyriacou (ongoing) appearing for CBA in contested enforcement proceedings in the NSW Supreme Court. Led by Patrick Knowles SC. Instructed by Dentons Australia.

National Australia Bank v Sun & Chen (ongoing) appearing from NAB in contested enforcement proceedings in the NSW Supreme Court. Unled. Instructed by Dentons Australia.

Insurance

Hakea Holdings Pty Limited v McGrath & Anor, appearing for the successful underwriting members of Lloyds Syndicate 2468 in Federal Court proceedings involving allegations of breach of directors' duties and a claim for indemnity under the relevant D&O policy. The



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Federal Court's decision on Hakea Holding's application to reopen its case is [here](#); the final judgment at first instance is [here](#); and the Full Court's judgment is [here](#). Led by Stuart Lawrance SC. Instructed by Collin Biggers & Paisley.

Argo Managing Agency Limited v Quintis Limited appearing for Argo (for the underwriting members of Lloyds Syndicate 1200) on appeal to the Full Federal Court. The Full Court's decision is [here](#). Led by Michael Elliott SC. Instructed by Collin Biggers & Paisley.

Sphere Healthcare Pty Limited & Anor v Allianz Australia (ongoing) appearing for Sphere Healthcare in proceedings seeking declaratory relief as to indemnity. Led by Michael Jones SC. Instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills.

Various expert determinations. Led by Michael Elliott SC. Instructed by Collin Biggers & Paisley.

General commercial

Rauland Australia Pty Limited v Law & Hills Limited (settled), appearing for Hills and Mr Law in Federal Court proceedings about alleged misuse of confidential information, breach of copyright, and breach of s 183 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). Led by Tom Brennan SC. Instructed by Norton White.

Food For Love Pty Limited & Ors v Papparich Australia Pty Limited & Anor (settled at mediation), appearing for the Papparich respondents in Federal Court proceedings in respect of allegations of misleading and deceptive conduct in the course of a franchise arrangement. Unled. Instructed by Collin Biggers & Paisley.

Cranitch v Lachcran Pty Limited & Ors (dismissed), appearing for the third defendant in NSW Supreme Court proceedings regarding alleged breaches of trust, proprietary estoppel and undue influence. Led by Michael Henry SC. Instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.

Harris Farm Markets Byron Bay Pty Limited & Anor v 156 Jonson Street Pty Limited (ongoing), appearing for the Harris Farm Markets in NSW Supreme Court proceedings regarding an agreement to lease. Led by Michael Henry SC. Instructed by Herro Solicitors.

Mawson v AVET Health Pty Limited & Anor; Chrysopoulos v AVET Health Pty Limited & Anor (settled at mediation), appearing for an individual in Federal Court proceedings regarding alleged oppression under s 232 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and breaches of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth). Unled. Instructed by HR Legal.

Apostle Holdings Pty Ltd v Frawley Design Services Pty Ltd (settled), appearing for the defendant in NSW District Court proceedings in respect of alleged breaches of contract, duty of care, and s 18 of the *Australian Consumer Law*. Unled. Instructed by Collin Biggers & Paisley.



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Aviation

Applications to ground aircraft (resolved). Preparing various urgent *ex parte* applications for freezing orders in relation to foreign owned and leased commercial aircraft. Led by Tom Brennan SC. Instructed by various firms including MinterEllison and Clifford Chance.

Almslmawi v Qantas Airways Limited appearing for Qantas in respect of a claim arising from damaged luggage. Successful invocation of the Montreal Convention 1999. Unled. Instructed by Norton White.

Professional discipline

Advising and appearing in various disciplinary and related proceedings for legal practitioners. Both led and unled.

Various applications

BJP1 v Salesian Society (VIC) Inc appearing for the Salesian Society in an application for declaratory relief on the question of whether the parties had reached a binding settlement at mediation. The NSW Supreme Court's decision is [here](#). Led by Stuart Lawrance. Instructed by Makinson d'Apice.

Singh v Harrowell & Ors appearing on a successful application for strike out/dismissal/permanent stay of proceedings. The NSW Supreme Court's decision is [here](#). Unled. Instructed by Colin Biggers & Paisley.

Preliminary discovery (successful). Applications for and against financial institutions.



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