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PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

Since commencing legal practice in 2015, I have worked primarily in commercial litigation and corporate disputes, with a focus on class actions, regulatory investigations, inquiries, and white-collar crime.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2024	Admitted as a Barrister
2015	Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia

EDUCATION

2017 – 2018	University of Oxford, St Cross College Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction)
2009 – 2013	University of Technology, Sydney Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and University Medal (LLB) / Bachelor of Business with Distinction (BBus) Graduated first in cohort with University Medal in Law Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Hon. Helen Sham-Ho Award for the Most Academically Outstanding Student who has graduated or is eligible to graduate from the Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor course (2013)• Thomson Reuters Award for the Best Performing Student in Media Law (2013)• Thomson Reuters Award for the Best Performing Student in Advanced Remedies (2013)• Law Partners Compensation Award for Best Performance in Medicine & Law (2012)• Dean's Merit List for Academic Excellence (Business) (2010 and 2011)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

June 2024 – present	Alinea Chambers Barrister
Sep 2019 – April 2024 Jul 2020 – April 2024 Sep 2019 – Jul 2020	Arnold Bloch Leibler (Sydney) Senior Associate, Dispute Resolution & Litigation Lawyer, Dispute Resolution & Litigation
Aug 2018 – July 2019	CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP (London) Associate, Litigation & Arbitration
Feb 2015 – Aug 2017	King & Wood Mallesons (Sydney) Solicitor, Dispute Resolution

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sep 2019 – April 2024

Arnold Bloch Leibler

Lawyer / Senior Associate, Dispute Resolution & Litigation

Class actions

- *Luke & Ors v Aveo Group Ltd* – acting for a retirement village operator in class action proceedings brought by current and former residents in relation to the introduction of new contractual terms (now settled).
- *Fotiadis v St Basil's Homes for the Aged* – acting for an aged care provider in class action proceedings commenced following a COVID-19 outbreak.

Commercial litigation

- *FX Group Holdings Pty Ltd v CPEC 8 Trust A & Ors* – acting for a private equity firm in proceedings concerning the interpretation of a share sale agreement and related claims of common and unilateral mistake, breach of fiduciary duties, and misleading and deceptive conduct.
- *Liberty Oil* – acting for a petroleum retailer in relation to two applications to set aside statutory demands.
- *Champion Homes* – acting for former directors and shareholder seeking recovery of amounts loaned to a building company and defending cross-claims alleging breaches of directors' duties.
- *Jin Lian Group Pty Ltd (in Liq) v ACapital Finance Pty Ltd* – acting for lender in proceedings brought by liquidators of former borrower. Successfully defended all claims at trial ([2021] NSWSC 931), including obtaining a third-party costs order against litigation funder ([2021] NSWSC 1202).
- *Bradcorp Wilton Park Pty Limited v Country Garden Wilton West Pty Limited* – acting for a developer in NSW Court of Appeal proceedings relating to a complex commercial property transaction.

White-collar / criminal proceedings

- *R v Bhojani* – acting for an individual charged with foreign bribery offences.
- *CDPP v Citigroup Global Markets Australia Pty Limited & Ors* – acting for a former investment bank executive charged with criminal cartel offences.
- *St Basil's Homes for the Aged* – acting for an aged care provider in relation to an inquest in the Coroners Court of Victoria and a criminal prosecution commenced by WorkSafe Victoria concerning breaches of occupational health and safety legislation.

Regulatory investigations

- Attendance at section 19 examinations in relation to insider trading and breaches of directors' duties.

Aug 2018 – Jul 2019

CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP

Associate, Litigation & Arbitration

- *Yukos Finance B.V. and others v Lynch and others* – acting for a former oil and gas company in proceedings arising out of the alleged misappropriation of company assets by the Russian Federation.

Feb 2015 – Aug 2017

King & Wood Mallesons
Solicitor, Dispute Resolution

Class actions

- *Lee v Westpac Banking Corporation* – acting for Westpac in class action proceedings arising out of the collapse of a financial advice company (now settled).

Financial services

- *Tyne v UBS AG* – acting for UBS in proceedings relating to alleged misleading financial advice. Responsible for Federal Court, Full Court of the Federal Court, and High Court of Australia proceedings regarding abuse of process (successfully appealed to the High Court of Australia: (2018) 265 CLR 77).

Regulatory proceedings / investigations

- Acting for an Australian bank in confidential ASIC regulatory investigations relating to alleged failures to comply with consumer credit protection legislation in respect of mortgage products.

General commercial litigation

- PwC – acting for PwC in liquidator and receiver & manager examinations.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- Abuse of Process: Tactical Litigation Involving Multiple Proceedings in Multiple Jurisdictions Results in Permanent Stay: *UBS AG v Tyne* [2018] HCA 45 (2019) 38 *Civil Justice Quarterly* 289, 338 (Issue 3).