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PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

My practice is primarily focussed on commercial litigation, including corporate disputes, class actions, inquiries, and regulatory investigations & proceedings. I have been briefed in matters in the Federal Court of Australia, the Local Court, District Court, and Supreme Court of New South Wales, and the Supreme Courts of South Australia, Queensland, and Victoria.

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:

- 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

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

SELECT CASES

As counsel

Class actions

Andreas Sklavos v The University of Newcastle (NSWSC 2025/60605) – for the University in class action proceedings alleging misleading or deceptive conduct, breach of contract, and negligence, in relation to the accreditation status of the Bachelor of Medical Engineering degree. Led by Zoë Hillman and Dan Fuller. Instructed by MinterEllison.

Commercial disputes

Fonterra Brands (Australia) Pty Ltd v Bega Cheese Ltd [2025] NSWSC 395 – for Bega Cheese in proceedings concerning the interpretation of trade mark licence agreements, arising in the context of the divestment of Fonterra's \$3 billion consumer business. Led by Garry Rich SC. Instructed by Addisons.

Kjøller A/S v Forsyth & Ors (NSWDC 2025/353588) – for Kjøller in proceedings relating to breach of contract claims arising from an investment in Janus Electric Holdings Limited. Unled. Instructed by King & Wood Mallesons.

Octet Finance Pty Ltd v Macgregor [2026] NSWSC 103 – for the former non-executive directors and CEO of Mrs Mac's Pies, concerning allegations of misleading or deceptive and unconscionable conduct. Led by Tom O'Brien. Instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.

RSL Care RDNS Limited & Anor v Bay St 2 Pty Ltd & Ors (QSC 634/2026) – for the defendants in proceedings seeking damages arising from the alleged historic underpayment of staff in an Australian aged care business. Led by Perry Herzfeld SC. Instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.

Service Seeking Pty Limited v Levitt & Ors (NSD1049/2025) – for the applicant company in proceedings brought against its directors and related entities concerning allegations of breach of fiduciary and statutory duties in respect of the establishment of a competing business. Led by Tom O'Brien. Instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler.

WIN Corporation Pty Ltd v TVSN Channel Pty Ltd (NSWSC 2024/318253) – for TVSN in proceedings concerning a dispute arising under a television channel licence agreement. Unled. Instructed by Maddocks.

Inquests and investigations

Inquest into the deaths at Westfield Bondi Junction on 13 April 2024 – counsel assisting the NSW State Coroner regarding the deaths of seven individuals at Westfield Bondi Junction. Led by Peggy Dwyer SC and Emma Sullivan. Instructed by the Crown Solicitor's Office.

SafeWork investigation into death occurring at the M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace – acting for an asphalt production and road maintenance company in relation to a SafeWork NSW investigation into a death at the M1 Pacific Motorway extension. Unled. Instructed by Piper Alderman.

Regulatory proceedings

Internal review of decision to cancel medical device from Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (confidential) – application for internal review of a cancellation decision, made pursuant to s 60 of the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989* (Cth). Led by Patrick Knowles SC. Instructed by Thomson Geer.

Secretary, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing v AG Therapeutics Pty Ltd & Ors (NSD982/2025) – for the first and fifth respondents in proceedings concerning the alleged unlawful advertising of medicinal cannabis products. Led by Derek Wong. Instructed by Barry Nilsson.

Secretary of Department of Health, Disability and Ageing v Montu Group Pty Ltd & Ors (VID302/2024) – for the respondents in proceedings concerning the alleged unlawful advertising of medicinal cannabis products. Led by Kate Morgan SC and Rob Davies. Instructed by Thomson Geer.

As solicitor

Class actions

Fotiadis v St Basil's Homes for the Aged – for St Basil's (an aged care home) in class action proceedings commenced following a COVID-19 outbreak.

Luke & Ors v Aveo Group Ltd – for Aveo (a retirement village operator) in class action proceedings brought by current and former residents in relation to the introduction of new contractual terms (settled).

Commercial disputes

FX Group Holdings Pty Ltd v CPEC 8 Trust A & Ors – for CPE Capital in proceedings concerning the interpretation of a share sale agreement and related claims of common and unilateral mistake, breach of fiduciary duty, and misleading or deceptive conduct.

Jin Lian Group Pty Ltd (in Liq) v ACapital Finance Pty Ltd – for ACapital in proceedings brought by liquidators of former borrower. Successful defence of all claims at trial ([2021] NSWSC 931), including obtaining a third-party costs order against the litigation funder ([2021] NSWSC 1202).

Tyne v UBS AG – for UBS in proceedings relating to alleged misleading financial advice. Proceedings ultimately dismissed on abuse of process grounds by the High Court of Australia: *UBS AG v Tyne* (2018) 265 CLR 77.

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

Inquests / criminal matters

R v Bhojani – for an individual charged with foreign bribery offences relating to Nauruan phosphate. Non-custodial sentence imposed.

St Basil's Homes for the Aged – for St Basil's 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.

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).