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Principal areas of practice

Banking and financial services
Commercial
Competition and consumer
Corporations

Equity and trusts
Insolvency and bankruptcy
Insurance
Property

Admissions

Barrister: 2020
Solicitor: 2009

Selected cases

Commercial

- *Engadine Medical Imaging Services Pty Ltd v Ibrahim* [2025] NSWCA 269 – alleged breaches of duties, whether a party was an “officer” of the relevant company (led by M Condon SC).
- *J&J Richards Super Pty Ltd ATF The J&J Richards Superannuation Fund v Nielsen* [2024] FCA 1472 – class action brought by investors in managed investment schemes (led by D Lloyd SC and R Pietriche).
- *Commercial arbitration* – infrastructure project dispute (Resolution Institute, 2024, led by P Braham SC).
- *Engadine Medical Imaging Services Pty Ltd v Ibrahim* [2024] NSWSC 1399 – dispute between business owners as to duties owed, alleged misleading and deceptive conduct (led by M Condon SC).
- *AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 1022 – franchise dispute between 38 dealerships and the manufacturer (led by T Castle SC, Dr C Parkinson KC and others).
- *Shirota v Liu* [2023] FCA 1429 – application to extend operation of a freezing order (unled).
- *LCM Operations Pty Ltd v Rabah Enterprises Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 590 – dispute arising from a property development (led by D Robinson SC).
- *Site Demolition Pty Limited v Kang* [2023] NSWDC 487 – dispute regarding disposal of contaminated material (unled).
- *International commercial arbitration* – IT contract dispute on behalf of a foreign state-owned entity (Resolution Institute, 2022, led by A Horvath SC).
- *DSE Transport Pty Ltd v Conglomeration Pty Ltd* [2021] NSWDC 251 – dispute arising from a services agreement (unled).
- *Ewok Pty Ltd v Wellard Limited* – shareholder class action (Federal Court of Australia, settled, led by W Edwards KC).

Corporations, insolvency and bankruptcy

- *In the matter of Ark Capital Partners Pty Ltd* – application by voluntary administrators to confirm the validity of their appointment (Supreme Court of NSW, Black J, 2026, unreported, unled).
- *In the matter of Quantra Group Limited* [2025] NSWSC 1123 – appeared for an interested party in a shareholder oppression dispute (led by D Rayment SC).
- *In the matter of Waratah on Alstonville Pty Ltd (subject to deed of company arrangement)* – appeal against the rejection of a proof of debt by a deed administrator (Supreme Court of NSW, 2025, settled, led by M Condon SC).
- *In the matter of Cyprus Community of NSW Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1629 – regarding the validity of the appointment of administrators (led by T Castle SC).
- *Atidote Pty Ltd t/as Harcourts, The Property People Sydney v Mohammad Najjar as receiver & manager of Trinity Investments (NSW) Pty Ltd (receiver & manager appointed)* [2024] NSWSC 206 – competing claims over rental proceeds by an owners corporation, property manager, and receiver and manager of the registered proprietor (unled).
- *In the matter of Redback Engineering & Sales Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1108 – application to adjourn winding up during restructuring pursuant to s 453Q of the *Corporations Act* (unled).
- *Chou, in the matter of APR Detailed Joinery Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2024] FCA 798 – application by liquidators to be appointed as receivers of trust assets (unled).
- *Bassil v Cyprus Community of NSW Limited* – application to restrain the holding of a general meeting of members of a registered club (Supreme Court of NSW, 2024, unreported, led by T Castle SC).
- *Kazzi v KR Properties Global Pty Ltd* – application to extend time for compliance with a bankruptcy notice (Federal Court of Australia NSD277/2024, unled).
- *In the matter of Wholesome Child Holdings Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 1530 – application to bring proceedings on behalf of a company (unled).
- *Chief Disruption Officer Pty Ltd as Trustee for the McDonald Family Trust v Michel, in the matter of Laava ID Pty Ltd (No 3)* [2022] FCA 1302; *(No 4)* [2023] FCA 25 – shareholder oppression dispute (led by D Rayment SC).
- *Naidenov, in the matter of Quoterite Pty Ltd (administrators appointed)* [2023] FCA 1169 – application by administrators for orders expanding the operation of s 440D of the *Corporations Act* to apply to a foreign arbitration (unled).
- *Kite (Trustee), in the matter of Murray (a Bankrupt) v Murray* [2023] FCA 198 – claim by bankruptcy trustee to recover property (led by R Marshall SC).
- *Mansfield (Liquidator) v Fortrust International Pty Ltd, in the matter of Palladium Investments International Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2023] FCA 350 – application to join parties to voidable transaction proceedings, consideration of impact of arbitration clause on joinder of foreign defendant (unled).
- *Mansfield in his capacity as the trustee in the bankruptcy of Yang v Palladium Investments International Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 690 – application by liquidators and receivers for orders and directions relating to trust property (unled).
- *Aravanis and Roy as trustees of the bankrupt estate of Francis-Wright v Francis-Wright* – application by bankruptcy trustee for possession of property (Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, 2022, unreported, unled).
- *In the matter of Waratah on Alstonville Pty Ltd (administrators appointed)* [2021] FCA 953 – application to extend convening period for the second meeting of creditors of a company in administration (unled).

- *Snell v Glatis (No 4)* [2021] NSWCA 42 – application to vary orders made in shareholder oppression proceedings (unled).
- *In the matter of 316 Group Pty Ltd (In Liquidation)* [2021] FCA 324 – regarding implied undertakings in public examination proceedings (led by D Robinson SC).
- *Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited v Xu* [2021] FCCA 1178 – application to appoint interim bankruptcy trustee (unled).
- *Oppenheim Legal v McCabe* [2020] FCCA 3086 – question of jurisdiction under the *Bankruptcy Act* where respondent outside of Australia (unled).
- Public examinations – Michael has conducted numerous unled public examinations under the *Corporations Act* on behalf of external administrators and under the *Bankruptcy Act* on behalf of trustees, and has appeared on behalf of examinees.

Banking and financial services

- *Wood v Commonwealth Bank of Australia* [2026] NSWDC 281 – proceedings in respect of the operation of bank accounts after a change in ownership of the account holder (unled).
- *ASCF Funding Solutions Pty Ltd v SL Property Maintenance Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWSC 262 – claim by a lender to recover fees (unled).
- *Casaceli v Westpac and others* – application to set aside deed of settlement, claim against mortgagee and receivers (ongoing, Supreme Court of NSW, led by S Mirzabegian SC).
- *Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited v Stolyar* [2025] NSWSC 319; [2024] NSWSC 710 – application for judgment on admissions and application for leave to discontinue balance of proceedings (unled).
- *Perpetual Corporate Trust v Adgemis* [2025] NSWSC 520 – application to stay execution of a writ (unled).
- *Permanent Custodians Ltd v Daneshyar Enterprise Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1338 – application to set aside a judgment (unled).
- *Malik v National Australia Bank* [2024] NSWSC 1003 – application to transfer proceedings (unled).
- *Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited v Ip* [2024] NSWSC 728 – application for leave to discontinue without order for costs (unled).
- *Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Xin; Tara Global Pty Ltd v The Official Trustee in Bankruptcy* [2024] NSWSC 851 – on behalf of a mortgagee in proceedings where mortgaged property was the subject of restraining orders made under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (unled).
- *The Owners – Strata Plan No 80877 v Lannock Capital 2 Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 1401 – claim seeking the termination of the “Mascot Towers” strata scheme, appearing on behalf of Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Pty Ltd (led by T Mehigan SC).
- *Hester v Commonwealth Bank of Australia* [2023] NSWCA 147; [2023] NSWCA 70 – application for leave to appeal (unled); application for stay of judgment (unled).
- *Hester v Commonwealth Bank of Australia* [2023] NSWSC 424 – application for summary dismissal of proceedings (unled).
- *Well Nigh Funding No 1 Pty Ltd v Tang* [2023] NSWDC 564 – claim on a loan agreement on grounds that the terms of the agreement were accepted by conduct (unled).
- *Tito (Administrator of the Estate of Atkins) v Atkins* [2022] FCA 183 – appeal from the Superannuation Complaints Tribunal, on behalf of AMP Superannuation Limited (unled).

- *Condon v Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Pty Ltd* – claim under s 111A of the *Conveyancing Act 1919* (Federal Court of Australia, 2022, settled, led by T Mehigan SC).
- *National Australia Bank Ltd v Qasim* [2022] NSWSC 1254 – application for default judgment on claim for debt and possession of properties (unled).
- *Finstro Securities Pty Ltd v Gosatti* [2021] NSWSC 635 – application to transfer proceedings under cross-vesting legislation (unled).
- *Thompson v Perpetual Trustees Victoria Ltd* [2021] NSWSC 622 – application for summary dismissal of claim against lender on limitation grounds (unled).

Property and other areas

- *Hurst, in the matter of Lloyds Curry Shop Pty Ltd (in liq) v Prasad (No 5)* [2026] FCA 1221 – application by independent lawyers in respect of a subpoena (unled).
- *Albarran v Eaton Investments (Aust) Pty Ltd* [2026] NSWSC 194 – application by receivers to be appointed as trustees for sale of a property pursuant to s 66G of the *Conveyancing Act* (unled).
- *Vassallo v Leo* – opposed an application to impose an easement pursuant to s 88K of the *Conveyancing Act* (Supreme Court of NSW, Faulkner J, claim withdrawn during final hearing, 2026, unled).
- *Premier Legal Financial GP Limited (NZ Limited Company 6101998) v Lexus Trustees 29 Limited as Trustee of the Kratz Trust* – application for freezing orders under the *Trans-Tasman Proceedings Act 2010* (Cth) (Supreme Court of NSW, 2025, Lonergan J, unreported, unled).
- *Rothwell v Bedford CA Pty Ltd* – professional negligence claim against accountants (Supreme Court of NSW, settled, led by R Dick SC).
- *Anjoul v Anjoul* [2021] NSWSC 592; *Anjoul v Anjoul (No 2)* [2021] NSWSC 1511; *Anjoul v Anjoul (No 3)* [2022] NSWSC 1456 – property dispute, application to re-open case, consequential orders following granting of relief under the *Contracts Review Act* (led by P Newton SC).
- *GEL Custodians Pty Limited v The Estate of the late Geoffrey Francis Wells* [2013] NSWSC 973; *GEL Custodians Pty Ltd v Estate of late Hussey* [2013] NSWSC 974 – concerning the role of the NSW Trustee and Guardian in proceedings against deceased estates prior to a grant of probate or administration (appeared as solicitor advocate).

Professional background

2020 to present: Barrister
 2017 to 2020: Senior Associate at Dentons, Sydney
 2009 to 2013: Solicitor at Gadens, Sydney

Qualifications

Bachelor of Laws (Macq), 2007
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