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EDUCATION

2014	Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, College of Law
2011 – 2014	Master of Laws (Juris Doctor), Monash University
2008 – 2010	Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne
2007	Geelong Grammar School, Corio and Timbertop campuses

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March 2021 – Current	Barrister, Victorian Bar
February 2019 – 2020	Senior Advisor to the Planning Minister (Hon. Richard Wynne)
March 2015 – 2019	Lawyer, Maddocks Lawyers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondment to the Department of Education and Training, Royal Commission and Parliamentary Inquiries• Secondment to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Office of General Counsel
September 2012 – December 2014	Paralegal, Department of Education and Training

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Recommended Junior Counsel
Doyles Guide Leading Planning & Environment Law Junior Counsel – Victoria, 2023, 2024 and 2025

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association
Women Barristers Association

SIGNIFICANT CASES

Administrative Law

- *Wallis Watson v Minister for Planning* (SCV, S ECI 2025 04120) – application for reasons under the *Administrative Law Act* (led by Peter O'Farrell KC with Nicholas Petrie)
- *Wallis Watson v Minister for Planning* (SCV, S ECI 2024 04122 – judicial review, planning law (led by Peter O'Farrell KC with Nicholas Petrie)
- *Smith v Moyne Shire Council & Ors* (SCV, S ECI 2024 00012) – section 148 of the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act* appeal from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- *Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd v Kingston City Council* (SCV, S ECI 2021 02019) – section 148 of the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act* appeal from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (led by Barnaby Chessell SC)

Planning

- *Burnley Developments Pty Ltd v Yarra CC* [2025] VCAT 853 – Application for review under s 72 of the PE Act to amend a planning permit (led by Susan Brennan SC)
- *Media Circus (VIC) Pty Ltd v Greater Dandenong CC (Corrected)* [2025] VCAT 514 – Application for review under s 77 of the PE Act of a refusal to grant a permit for a major promotional sign; acting for the referral authority
- *Miller Pacific Investments Pty Ltd v Yarra CC* [2025] VCAT 275 – Application for review under s 77 of a refusal to grant a permit for an 8 storey mixed use building (led by Barnaby Chessell SC)
- *Doyle & Ors v Gannawarra SC* [2024] VCAT 3 – Application under s 80 for review of a decision to allow for a pig farm
- *JD Bridport Street 1 Pty Ltd v Port Phillip CC* [2024] VCAT 440 – Application for review under s 79 of a failure to grant a permit for a five storey mixed use building (led by Nicholas Tweedie SC)
- *Martinez v Nillumbik SC* [2023] VCAT 1043 – Application under s 149(1)(a) of the PE Act for a declaration that development had commenced
- *Tivoli House SY Pty Ltd v Stonnington CC* [2023] VCAT 798 – Application for review under s 79 for a refusal of an 8 storey office development (led by Adrian Finanzio SC)
- *Phelan v Port Phillip CC* [2023] VCAT 376 – Preliminary hearing on questions of law concerning existing use rights

Panels and Advisory Committees

- Suburban Rail Loop East Precincts Standing Advisory Committee – Acting for the Suburban Rail Loop Authority in relation to the SRL East Precinct Structure Plans (led by Christopher Townshend KC, Emily Porter SC and Barnaby Chessell SC)
- Priority Projects Standing Advisory Committee Referral 36 (AC) [2023] PPV 69 – Acting for Stonnington City Council in relation to the planning scheme amendment for redevelopment of Cabrini Hospital (led by Andrew Walker)
- Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee Referral 3 Report (AC) [2023] PPV 33 – Acting for Wallis Watson in the Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (led by Peter O'Farrell KC)
- Stonnington C320ston (PSA) [2023] PPV 55 – Acting for a landowner in a heritage planning scheme amendment (led by Emily Porter SC)
- Victorian Planning Authority SAC Referral 7 (AC) [2022] PPV 86 – Acting for Darebin City Council in relation to the planning scheme amendment considering the Preston Market Precinct Structure Plan (led by Stuart Morris KC)
- Beveridge North West Precinct Structure Plan, Supplementary Levy Infrastructure Contributions Plan and Quarry Permit Application Advisory Committee (AC) [2022] PPV 64 – Acting for Mitchell Shire Council (led by Graeme Peake)

Land Acquisition and Compensation

- Advising acquiring authorities and claimants through the acquisition process, advising on acquisition and valuation
- *Armstrong Creek Developments Pty Ltd v Greater Geelong City Council* (VCAT, P1923/2020) – valuation dispute under section 22 of the *Valuation of Land Act*
- *Konann Pty Ltd v Casey City Council* (SCV, S CI 2017 03357) – application for declaration

Environmental and Water

- Advising on liability in negligence, nuisance and section 16 of the Water Act for damage caused by unreasonable flow
- *SBI Landfill Pty Ltd v Environment Protection Authority* (P1583/2023) – Acting for the applicant in securing a stay on the Notice of Assessment of Waste Levy Liability (led by Juliet Forsyth SC)