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Admissions

- 2015 - Admitted to the NSW Bar
- 2002 - Admitted as a solicitor of the High Court of Australia
- 2001 - Admitted as a Solicitor to the Supreme Court of NSW

Qualifications & Education

- 2005 - Insolvency Education Program, Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association
- 2001 - Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law
- 2000 - Bachelor of Laws, University of New South Wales
- 2000 - Bachelor of Arts, University of New South Wales

Professional Experience

- 2015 - present Barrister, NSW Bar
- 2011 – 2015 Legal Consultant, Australian Pharmaceutical Industries Limited
- 2008 – 2010 Senior Associate, Minter Ellison, Melbourne
- 2001 – 2008 Solicitor, Minter Ellison, Sydney

Areas of Expertise

- Administrative Law
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency
- Commercial
- Competition & Consumer Law
- Corporations
- Equity & Trusts
- Real Property
- Revenue

Professional Memberships

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association
- 2021 - current, Floor Secretary, Ground Floor Wentworth Chambers
- 2019 – current, Committee Member, Ground Floor Wentworth Chambers
- 2016/2017, Committee Member, NSW Bar New Barristers Committee

Publications and activities

- Volunteer judge, Baker McKenzie National Women’s Moot 2023, run by Sydney University Law Society.
- O’Connor, Justin & Woods, Danielle, “Social Housing and NCAT”, Presentation to NSW Crown Solicitors Office, February 2023.
- Woods, Danielle, “Costs and offers of compromise in SC revenue matters”, Presentation and paper, Crown Solicitors Office, March 2022 (chaired by RL Seiden SC).
- Volunteer moot judge, 2021 Kirby Cup High School Mooting Competition, WSU School of Law, October 2021.
- Marshall SC, Roger & Woods, Danielle, “Removal of Liquidators”, Newcastle Law Society CPD Seminar, 28 February 2020, Presentation and paper.
- Cassimatis, Charles & Woods, Danielle, “Affidavits – tips and traps for the young and old”, Ground Floor Wentworth Chambers CPD event, 4 September 2019, Doltone House, Sydney, Presentation and paper.
- CPD Conference, 12 March 2019, UNSW CBD Campus, Sydney, presentation.
- Marshall SC, Roger & Woods, Danielle, “Collecting Debt from Reluctant Developers”, Benchmark TV 2016, video presentation.
- Volunteer, NSW Bar Association’s open day for female and gender diverse law students 2016, 2020, 2022, 2023.
- Volunteer, Day in the Life of a Civil Litigator Program, NSW Young Lawyers (2019)
- Woods, Danielle, “Update on significant commercial litigation”, Latest trends in commercial law, UNSW, March 2019.
- Co-author of Stockbroking Industry chapter in Lexis Nexis’ Financial Services loose-leaf and online subscription service (2009).
- Batten, R, Spiteri, G & Woods, D, ‘Getting the framework right: unresolved issues in the proposed AML/CTF regime’, Financial Services Newsletter – Regulation and Compliance, vol. 5, no. 3 (2006), pp 37-39.

Some Recent Cases

Corporations and insolvency

- *In the matter of Shire Lind Developments (NSW) Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2024] NSWSC 1454 - insolvent trading and voidable transactions
- *In the matter of Balamara Resources Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1309 – winding up on just and equitable grounds - claims of oppression on minority – led by Marshall SC
- *In the matter of VSH Investment Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2023] NSWSC 1590 – appointment of liquidator as receiver over trust assets – right of indemnity – quantification of remuneration
- *In the matter of Dansar Pty Ltd (liq)* [2018] NSWSC 1418 – opposing application to terminate winding up
- *In the matter of PostNet Australia Pty Ltd* [2017] NSWSC 170 – creditor resisting application to set aside a statutory demand

- *TJ & RF Fordham Pty Ltd* [2017] NSWSC 240; *TJ & RF Fordham Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2017] NSWSC 748 – writ of sequestration – indemnity costs - led by RD Marshall SC
- *Jones v Trad* [2016] FCC 2155 (Federal Circuit Court, Judge Street) – defending application to review Registrar’s orders of sequestration
- *Treloar Constructions Pty Ltd v Brian McMillan* (19 February 2016, District Court, Gibb DCJ) – creditor insolvent trading claim – led by DJA Mackay

Revenue

- *Golden Age and Hannas the Rocks Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2024] NSWSC 249 – remission of interest on duty liability
- *Hornsby Shire Council v Commonwealth of Australia* [2023] HCA 19 – constitutional law – GST – led by Seiden SC, Robinson SC, Bishop SC and WR Johnson
- *Chief Commissioner of State Revenue v Downer EDI Engineering Pty Ltd* [2021] HCATrans 14 – payroll tax, special leave application – led by RL Seiden SC
- *Southern Cross Community Healthcare Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2021] NSWSC 1317; *Southern Cross Community Healthcare Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue (No 2)* [2021] NSWSC 1538 – payroll tax – costs - led by RL Seiden SC and D Mitchell
- *SPIC Pacific Hydro Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2021] NSWSC 395; *SPIC Pacific Hydro Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2021] NSWSC 486 – Duties Act – real property – costs – led by RL Seiden SC
- *Mir Bros Industries Pty Ltd v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue; Mir Bros (Hollywood Creations) Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue; Mir Bros Trading Co Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue* [2022] NSWCATAD 35 – land tax
- *Invests Ahmadi Pty Ltd ATF Ahmadi Trust v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2019] NSWCATAD 189 – land tax - costs application

Real Property

- *Bonanno v Finamore* [2022] NSWCA 276; *Bonanno v Finamore (No 2)* [2023] NSWCA 24 – Equity – mortgages and securities – unconscionability of obligations – indemnity costs - led by S Aspinall
- *Bonanno v Finamore* [2021] NSWSC 1558; *Bonanno v Finamore (No 2)* [2022] NSWSC 641 – Equity – real property – contract - unconscionable conduct - costs and further orders – issue estoppel
- *Abson by his tutor NSW Trustee and Guardian v Johnston (No 2)* [2024] NSWSC 1148 – Possession List – gross sum costs order
- *Abson bht NSW Trustee and Guardian v Johnston* [2024] NSWSC 151 – Possession List – application to amend

- *McWhinney v Hammond & Aberdeen All Farm Pty Ltd (in liq) & Ors* [2019] NSWSC (29 June 2019, Supreme Court, Darke J) – equity – real property – declaration of equitable interest in land & breach of fiduciary duties
- *Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Ltd v Trinh* [2017] NSWSC 804 – application to set aside orders

Commercial

- *Chou v Metstech Pty Limited* [2023] FCAFC 205 – copyright – inquiry into damages – costs – led by P Bruckner
- *Metstech Pty Ltd v Park* [2022] NSWSC 1667 – Equity – copyright – conspiracy to injure – breach of confidence and other duties - oppression of minority
- *B1 v B2* [2018] NSWDC (24 May 2018, District Court, Gibson DCJ) – defamation – opposing freezing order
- *Gair v Greenwood* [2017] NSWSC 1652; *Gair v Greenwood (No 2)* [2018] NSWSC 947; *Gair v Greenwood* [2019] NSWDC 725; *Gair v Greenwood (No 2)* [2019] NSWDC 741; *Gair and Turland v Greenwood* (1 October 2020, District Court, Scotting DCJ) – defamation
- *Sharma v Insurance Australia Ltd t/as NRMA Insurance* [2017] NSWDC 10 (Montgomery DCJ) – refusal of insurance claim on basis of alleged fraud and involvement of plaintiff in fire – led by R Potter
- *YZ v Amazon (No 7)* [2016] NSWSC 637 (McCallum J) – a successful application to permanently stay defamation proceedings on the grounds of abuse of process – led by R Potter

Administrative Law

- *Leishman v Chief Commissioner of State Revenue* [2019] NSWCATAD 189 – administrative review of director’s penalty notice - costs application
- *Hall v NSW Land & Housing Corporation* [2018] NSWCATAP 257 – administrative law – residential tenancy termination – appeal
- *Bryleva v NSW Land & Housing Corporation* [2017] NSWCATAP 74 - administrative law – residential tenancy dispute – opposing appeal
- *Yonan v NSW Land & Housing Corporation* [2017] NSWCATAP 37 – administrative law – residential tenancy dispute – opposing appeal
- *Rainsford v NSW Land & Housing Corporation* [2016] NSWCATAP 260 – administrative law – residential tenancy dispute - opposing appeal