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*I am a barrister practising in a broad range of corporate and commercial law, including contract law, insolvency, real property, consumer law, equity and trusts, and wills and probate. I accept briefs to advise and to appear in all Victorian and federal jurisdictions, and am also admitted in New Zealand. I signed the Bar Roll in April 2015 and read with Christopher Archibald KC.*

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### PRACTICE AT THE VICTORIAN BAR

*April 2015–Present*

I have a broad corporate and commercial law practice spanning litigious and non-litigious matters, with experience involving court appearances, provision of advice, and drafting of court documents and correspondence.

My areas of practice and types of experience:

- Contract law — advising on rights and obligations, drafting and reviewing contractual provisions across a range of subject matter
- Corporate law — share transfers, director duties, oppression claims, partnership disputes
- Insolvency — corporate wind-up applications, personal bankruptcy proceedings, unfair preference claims
- Real property — conveyancing and sale of land transactions, residential tenancy disputes, retail and commercial lease disputes, owners corporation matters
- Consumer law — consumer guarantee claims (defective goods, services), unconscionable dealing claims
- Equity and trusts — unconscionable conduct and estoppel claims, trusts (express, implied and constructive)
- Wills and probate — applications for testator's family maintenance, advising on terms of wills

Extracurricular:

- Member, Commercial Bar Association of Victoria
- Member, Australian Bar Association
- Member, Victorian Bar ADR Committee (2019–2023)
- Reporter for Victorian Reports (July 2017–Present) — I am a reporter for the Victorian Reports, a publication of significant judgments handed down by the Supreme Court of Victoria and a valuable resource for legal practitioners

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

*July 2013–February 2015*

County Court of Victoria

Associate to his Honour Judge Cosgrave (now the Honourable Justice Cosgrave) – Commercial Division

My role involved providing administrative and technical legal support to the Judge, including:

- Developing an understanding of the law relating to the Commercial Division, and compiling file notes and undertaking legal research as requested
- Discussing the status of litigious matters with his Honour, and providing input in the judgment-writing process
- Understanding the practice and procedure of all aspects of the Commercial Division, including the Banking and Finance List
- Attending to official correspondence, including communication with legal practitioners and self-represented litigants
- Liaising with associates to other judges in the Commercial Division, and staff in the Court Registry's Directions Group
- Accompanying the Judge into court for trials and practice court hearings, and maintaining a record of orders, rulings and directions given
- Maintaining up-to-date amendments to legislation and procedural texts

*June 2010–March 2013*

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Australia

Corporate Tax Consultant

- Advising Australian and foreign large business clients on a range of domestic and foreign income tax issues, including Top 100 ASX listed companies in most industry sectors
- Conducting technical legal research on case law and legislative authorities
- Drafting documents and reviewing third party contracts and technical opinions
- Preparing briefs to Counsel in order to obtain a further opinion on proposed advice
- Working on client accounts in the context of M&A, vendor tax due diligence, domestic and international corporate structuring, corporate tax governance and corporate tax compliance
- Meeting with clients to understand business priorities and proposed transactions
- Liaising with the Australian Taxation Office on behalf of clients

## EDUCATION

August–September 2023	Seoul National University (서울대학교) Intensive Korean Language Program
November 2017	Korean National Institute for International Education (국립국제교육원) Test of Proficiency in Korean (‘TOPIK’) (한국어능력시험)
March 2015	Victorian Bar Victorian Bar Readers’ Course
November 2011	Supreme Court of Victoria Admission to the Legal Profession (8 November 2011)
<u>Graduate</u>	
January–May 2010	The College of Law Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice
<u>Undergraduate</u>	
2005–2009	The University of Melbourne Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts
<u>Secondary</u>	
1999–2004	Camberwell Grammar School VCE ENTER: 99.85 (‘Proxime Accessit’ to the Dux of the School)

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## PUBLICATIONS and RECENT CASES

- ‘Compensatory Damages and the Role of “Loss” in Actions for Tort and Breach of Contract’ (2022) 51(3) *Australian Bar Review* 320
- ‘Recent Decisions: *Morris Finance Ltd v Brown* [2017] FCAFC 97’ (2017) 15(3) *Personal Insolvency Regulator* 13
- ‘An Appealing Change’ (2015) 89(10) *Law Institute Journal* 40
- ‘Striking the Balance: Victoria’s Open Courts Act 2013’ (2014) 88(1–2) *Law Institute Journal* 40
- Links to published decisions of recent cases in which I have appeared can be found on my Victorian Bar website profile — visit [www.vicbar.com.au/profile/8271](http://www.vicbar.com.au/profile/8271)