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QUALIFICATIONS / EDUCATION

July 2018	Called to the Bar (Queensland)
2016	Master of Laws (University of Queensland)
2012	Admitted as a practitioner in the High Court of Australia
2010	Admitted as a lawyer by the Supreme Court of Queensland
2007	Admitted as Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand
2006	Bachelor of Laws (Well)
2005	Bachelor of Arts (Well)

SIGNIFICANT CASES AND PRACTICE AREAS

Barrister at law

Quay 11 Chambers

Schafer v Bacon [2023] QCA 55

Acted for local government in Court of Appeal in relation to local government enforcement proceedings

ISG Financial Services v Australian Financial Complaints Authority Ltd & Ors; ANLP Pty Ltd atf AP Superannuation Fund v ISG Financial Services Ltd [2022] QSC 120

Acted for complainant against financial services provider in proceedings to compel compliance with AFCA determination.

SDA Property Nominees Pty Ltd v Scenic Rim Regional Council [2022] QPEC 39

Acted for Council in Planning and Environment Court appeal against Council decision

Paridaen & Anor v Mahaside Pty Ltd [2022] QSC 109

Acting for applicant in application to removing encroaching retaining wall

Dunlop & Anor v Body Corporate for Port Douglas Queenslander CTS 886 & Ors [2021] QSC 85 and [2021] QSC 265

Acted for Body Corporate and associated defendants in proceedings relating to allegations of misleading and deceptive conduct under the Australian Consumer Law

Other practice areas

Gavin & Anor v Sunshine Coast Regional Council [2021] QCA 217
Acting for Appellant in appeal from Planning and Environment Court decision

Sandstrom & Ors v Sunshine Coast Regional Council & Windansea Boardriders Club [2021] QPELR 1107
Acting for community surf club in Planning and Environment Court proceedings

Ashvan Investments Unit Trust v Brisbane City Council & Ors [2019] QPEC 16
Acting for the submitter Co-Respondents by Election in Planning and Environment Court Appeal

Hotel Property Investments Pty Ltd v Gold Coast Regional Council [2019] QPEC 5 -
Acting for a developer in an appeal against the refusal of an application to change a development approval

- Acting for body corporate and members of bodies corporate in disputes in the Office of the Commissioner, and appeals to the appeals tribunal;
- Acting for State and Local Government, and private clients in various civil and administrative law proceedings relating to:
 - Environment and planning;
 - Body corporate law;
 - Property law
 - Private nuisance;
 - Defamation;
 - Breach of contract;
 - Breach of duty;
- Acting for prosecution and defendants in regulatory prosecutions.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

September 2016 –
June 2018

Thomson Geer Lawyers
Senior Associate

November 2010 –
September 2016

Corrs Chambers Westgarth
Senior Associate

January 2007 –
October 2010

Simpson Grierson, Barristers and Solicitors (NZ)
Associate (2009-2010) and Solicitor (2007-2008)

Dec 2005 –
January 2007

Environmental Risk Management Authority (now the Environmental Protection Authority New Zealand),
Legal Assistant / Law Clerk,

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES / MEMBERSHIPS

2018	Member of Bar Association of Queensland
2013	Member of the QELA legislative reform subcommittee
2011 – 2016	Volunteer at QPILCH (now LawRight) Refugee Civil Law Clinic
2010 - 2018	Member of Queensland Law Society
2010 – present	Member of the Queensland Environmental Law Association (QELA)
2007-2009	Member of the Resource Management Law Association (NZ)
2007-2010	Member of the New Zealand Law Society

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

29 November 2018	<i>Nerinda Pty Ltd v Redland City Council; Revisiting the Coty principle</i> ‘Planning and Environment Court Update’, QELA Seminar
11 May 2017	<i>The Rise of the Exception: Trump, Brexit and the new Planning Act</i> ‘Capture the Moment’ QELA Conference 2017 (10-12 May 2017)
5 March 2013	<i>Effective Environmental Dispute Resolution in the Planning and Environment Court</i> Environment and Planning Law Journal (2013) 30 EPLJ 2, 150.