



NEW SOUTH WALES  
**BAR ASSOCIATION**

## Senior Counsel Appointments 2018

### **Neil John Adams**

Crown Prosecutors Chambers Sydney

Neil Adams commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 7 November 1986. He has spent most of his career in private criminal and civil practice, although he also worked as In-House Counsel for the Commonwealth DPP and as a NSW Crown Prosecutor before being appointed Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor in July of this year. He has been a member of the Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee and is a former Secretary of the ACT Bar Association. He has had a significant involvement in legal education and training with both the Commonwealth DPP and NSW Crown Prosecutors, including serving as the Chair of the organizing committee for the annual NSW Crown Prosecutors' Conference for a number of years. [B Ec (Monash); DipL Barristers Admission Board]

### **Lee John Carr**

Crown Prosecutors Chambers Newcastle

Lee Carr commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 4 August 1989. After a period at the private Bar undertaking largely criminal trial work, he was appointed as a Crown Prosecutor in February 2002 as Acting Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor (Country) in August 2014 and as Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor (Country) in January 2016. [B Ec LLB University of Sydney]

### **Paresh Navin Khandhar**

Frederick Jordan Chambers

Paresh Khandhar commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 29 March 1999. He practices in common law, particularly focussed on personal injury and indemnity recovery, and alternative dispute resolution. Paresh has been a member of the Bar Council for many years and has served as Honorary Secretary of the New South Wales Bar Association. He is a member of the Association's Common Law Committee and has been a presenter at the Association's Bar Practice Course. [B Bus University of Western Sydney; DipL Legal Practitioners Admission Board]

### **Shane Eric John Prince**

State Chambers

Shane Prince commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 25 February 2000. He practices in the areas of areas of industrial relations/employment law; and public law

(administrative and constitutional). He is a member of the Association's Human Rights Committee, has served on a Professional Conduct Committee and served as Secretary of the former Industrial Section of the Bar Association. In 2015 he was awarded the Refugee Week Humanitarian Award by the Refugee Council of Australia and the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors for his work as counsel in asylum seeker matters. [BA LLB Australian National University]

**Farid Assaf**

Banco Chambers

Farid Assaf commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 4 August 2000. He practices in commercial law, with a particular focus on insolvency and corporations law matters. He is the author of the textbooks *Statutory Demands and Winding Up in Insolvency*, 2nd edition and *Voidable Transactions in Company Insolvency* (principal author and concept originator), has contributed numerous published articles for legal journals, and is a regular panel presenter on insolvency at seminars and conferences. [BA LLB University of NSW]

**Edward George Harvey Cox**

Greenway Chambers

Edward Cox commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 4 August 2000. He practices in the areas of commercial law and equity, including maritime and international commercial disputes. Edward is a member of the NSW Committee of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand and regularly gives CPD lectures on aspects of maritime and other areas of law. [BSc LLB Macquarie University]

**Mark Philip Dennis**

Forbes Chambers

Mark Dennis commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 10 August 2001. He practices in the areas of criminal law and inquests/inquiries. Before he came to the Bar he held various solicitors positions with the Western Aboriginal Legal Service. He is a past recipient of the Terry Keaney Memorial Award, and has convened and conducted a variety of CPD conferences and written, presented and published a variety of conference papers relating to criminal law. He is also a member of the Association's Legal Aid Committee. [BEc LLB University of Sydney]

**Dominic Francis Villa**

New Chambers

Dominic Villa commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 15 February 2002. He practices in the areas of commercial law, common law/personal injury, public/administrative law and inquests and inquiries. Throughout his career Dominic has practiced in sports-related jurisdictions and has appeared before the Court of Arbitration for Sport and sat on various sports appeals committees and disciplinary tribunals. He is a

member of the Association's Bar News Committee and has been a presenter at the Bar Practice Course. He is the author of the *Annotated Civil Liability Act 2002* (NSW) and has authored sports law-related articles in various journals. [BA(Hons) LLB University of NSW; MHL University of Sydney]

**Mark Gibian**

H B Higgins Chambers

Mark Gibian commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 15 February 2002. He practices in the areas of industrial/employment law, discrimination and administrative law. Industrial Law He has been a lecturer for the Law Extension Committee at the University of Sydney since 2005 and has lectured in employment and industrial law at the University of New South Wales. Mark is a member of the Association's Industrial Employment Health and Safety Committee. [BA LLB University of Sydney]

**Neil Robert Murray**

Tenth Floor Wentworth/Selborne Chambers

Neil Murray commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 16 February 2004. He practices in commercial law in the area of intellectual property and patents in particular. He has participated as a mentor in the Association's Indigenous Law Student Mentoring program. [BA LLB University of NSW]

**Suzanne Michelle Christie**

Culwulla Chambers

Suzanne began practising at the New South Wales Bar in February 2004. Her principal areas of practice are equity, family law and guardianship, alternative dispute resolution and appellate. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) University of Sydney; GradDipL University of Technology, Sydney]

**Ertunc Yasar Ozen**

Public Defenders Chambers

Ertunc began practising at the New South Wales Bar in August 2004. His principal areas of practice are criminal law, criminal and civil appeals, commissions of inquiry and coronial inquests. Since joining the Public Defender's Office in 2013 he has presented many papers on specialist aspects of criminal law, such as admissibility of covert recordings and cross-examination of police witnesses. [BA LLB Macquarie University]

**Simon Jules Buchen**

Forbes Chambers

Simon began practising at the New South Wales Bar in August 2004. His principal areas of practice are criminal law, appellate, industrial and employment law, commissions of inquiry and coronial inquests. In recent years he has appeared in matters relating to complex 'white-collar' offences, including insider trading, market manipulation, foreign bribery, cartels and contraventions of competition law. [BA (Hons) LLB University of Sydney]

**Anna Margrit Mitchelmore**

Sixth Floor Selborne / Wentworth Chambers

Anna began practising at the New South Wales Bar in October 2004 after working in the Commercial Litigation Section of Mallesons Stephen Jaques and Gilbert + Tobin. In 2001-02 she was associate to the High Court Justice, the Hon Michael McHugh AC then advisor to former Attorney-General, the Hon Daryl Williams AM QC MP. Her principal areas of practice at the bar are public and administrative law, environment and planning, civil and criminal appeals, as well as commissions of inquiry and coronial inquests. In 2015 Anna was elected to the Bar Council and is the current Treasurer of the Bar Association. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) University of Sydney]

**Vanessa Elizabeth Whittaker**

Eleven Wentworth Chambers

Vanessa began practising at the New South Wales Bar in February 2005. Her principal areas of practice are commercial law, equity and appellate. [BA University of Queensland; LLB University of Sydney; BCL, Oxford University]

**Michael Anthony Izzo**

Eleven Wentworth Chambers

Michael began practising at the New South Wales Bar in September 2005. Prior to that, he worked as a solicitor in litigation and arbitration at Mallesons Stephen Jaques and Herbert Smith in London. He was also associate to former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, the Hon AM Gleeson AC QC. In 2000 Michael was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to attend Oxford University. His principal areas of practice are commercial law, specialising in insolvency, schemes of arrangement, anti-dumping law and class action, as well as equity, appellate and administrative law. Michael was elected to Bar Council in 2016, has served on a Professional Conduct Committee and is a member of the Corporate Governance Committee. He is the founding Secretary of the NSW Bar's Commercial Law Section. [BA LLB University of Sydney; BCL MPhil Oxford University]

**Stephen John Free**

Eleven Wentworth Chambers

Stephen began practising at the New South Wales Bar in May 2006 after being a solicitor-advocate in the Crown Solicitor's Office. His principal areas of practice are commercial law, administrative law, environment and planning law, commissions of inquiry and coronial inquests. He appeared as counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Stephen has served as Secretary of the Public Law Section of the New South Wales Bar. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) Australian National University; BCL MPhil Oxford University]

**Kristen Jane Deards**

Banco Chambers

Kristen began practising at the New South Wales Bar in May 2006. Her principal areas of practice are appellate and taxation law, particularly in the area of international taxation, transfer pricing and anti-avoidance cases. She has appeared for both taxpayers and the commissioner of taxation. Kristen is a member of the Taxation Committee of the Law Council of Australia and the Tax Institute Dispute Resolution Committee, at whose conferences she has made numerous presentations. [BA LLB Australian National University; LLM University of Sydney]

**David Frederick Callum Thomas**

Sixth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

David began practising at the New South Wales Bar in October 2006. Prior to his commencement at the bar, David was a solicitor at Mallesons Stephen Jaques, an Associate to the Hon Justice Gummow AC, a reporter for the *Federal Court Reports*, the *New South Wales Law Reports* and the *Commonwealth Law Reports*. In 2005 he was awarded the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholarship in Law for study at Oxford University. His principal areas of practice at the New South Wales Bar are commercial and corporate law, trade practices, taxation and constitutional law. David is a member of the Bar Association's Practice Development Committee. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) University of Sydney; BCL (Hons) Oxford University]