



NEW SOUTH WALES
BAR ASSOCIATION

Senior Counsel Appointments 2020

Madeleine Avenell

Public Defenders Chambers

Madeleine commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 16 February 2004. She practices in appellate work and criminal law. She has served on a Professional Conduct Committee for a number of years. Madeleine has presented sessions at various legal conferences and events including the Bar Practice Course and Aboriginal Legal Service, Public Defenders and Bar Association regional conferences. Prior to coming to the Bar Madeleine was a tipstaff to a NSW Supreme Court Judge. [BA LLB University of Sydney]

Vahan Varoujan Bedrossian

Edmund Barton Chambers

Vahan commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 25 February 2000. He practices in alternative dispute resolution, appellate work, commercial law and equity. Vahan served on a Professional Conduct Committee for a number of years. He has prepared papers and given presentations at a number of continuing professional development and other legal seminars, and regularly assisted with the conduct of the Bar Practice Course and other workshops organised for the benefit of new barristers. Vahan has also appeared on a number of occasions for the Bar football team. [BEc LLB University of Sydney Grad DipL Australian National University]

Thomas Joseph Brennan

Thirteen Wentworth Chambers

Tom commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 1 May 2006. He practices in appellate work, commercial law, industrial/employment law, public/administrative law and international law. He is a member of the Bar Association's Practice Development Committee. Tom is also Chair of the governing board of Thirteen Wentworth Chambers. Prior to coming to the Bar Tom worked as a senior Commonwealth public servant and a Partner at Corrs Chambers Westgarth [BA LLB Grad DipL Australian National University]

Chloe Anne Burnett

Sixth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

Chloe commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 16 April 2008. She practices principally in tax and revenue law, and also works in the areas of statutory construction, superannuation law, research and development law, alternative dispute resolution and

disability discrimination law. Chloe has lectured in the LLM program at Sydney Law School each year since 2006 and regularly publishes articles in Australian and international journals and speaks at conferences in Australia and abroad. She obtained an LLM from New York University in 2005 and was awarded the Flora S. and Jacob L. Newman Prize for the highest mark in the international tax program. Chloe has presented New South Wales Bar Association continuing professional development seminars regarding statutory interpretation. Prior to coming to the Bar she worked as a solicitor at Allens and as the Associate to a Federal Court Judge. [BCom LLB University of Sydney LLM New York University]

Sophie Genevieve Callan

12th Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

Sophie commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 7 May 2007. She practices in appellate work, criminal law, commercial law, environment and planning law, industrial/employment law, inquests/inquiries, public/administrative law and tax/revenue law. Sophie is currently a member of the Bar Council and has served as a Bar Councillor over a number of years since 2010. She was Honorary Secretary of the New South Wales Bar Association from 2016-2017. Sophie has also served on the Bar Association's New Barristers Committee (including as Chair), Diversity and Equality Committee, Education Committee and Finance, Investment and Audit Committee and is currently a member of the Inquests and Inquiries Committee and a Professional Conduct Committee. Sophie has been a member of the Council for NSW Law Reporting from 2009 to present. She has also been a regular presenter of training seminars and continuing professional development sessions on a range of topics. Since 2009 Sophie has been a reserve legal officer in the Royal Australian Air Force. Prior to coming to the Bar Sophie worked as the Associate to a Federal Court Judge and as a solicitor in the Crown Solicitors Office. [BA LLB Australian National University]

Timothy David Castle

6th Floor St James Hall Chambers

Timothy first came to the NSW Bar on 7 February 1992, then subsequently recommenced practice at the NSW Bar on 1 December 2013. He practices in appellate work, commercial law, equity and international law. Timothy has served on a Professional Conduct Committee and is a member of the Bar Association's Wellbeing Committee. He is a former Chair and a current member of the Executive of the UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia, and has been Deputy Chair of the Law Council's International Law Section, Chair of the Australian Bar Association's International Committee, has served as the Chair of Chair of LAWASIA's Franchising Committee and is currently the Chair of LAWASIA's UNCITRAL Committee. Timothy served for a number of years as a member and then Deputy Chair of the Council for Law Reporting. He has been involved in the Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History and delivered the Forbes Lecture in 2004, and edited and published a book of speeches of Spigelman CJ, *Speeches of a Chief*

Justice, 1998-2008. Prior to commencing at the NSW Bar Timothy worked as a litigation solicitor. [BEc LLB University of Sydney BA (Hons) BEc University of New England]

Sue Chysanthou

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Sue commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 12 August 2004. She practices in appellate work, defamation and intellectual property. Sue has been a lecturer in law at the University of Technology Sydney and the LPAB and often presents papers and seminars in the areas of defamation and trade marks. [BCom LLB (Hons) University of Technology Sydney LLM University of NSW]

Jason Downing

Maurice Byers Chambers

Jason commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 25 February 2000. He practices in the areas of appellate work, common law/personal injury, inquests/inquiries, public/administrative law and alternative dispute resolution. Jason has served as a legal member and subsequently Chairperson of the New South Wales Cancer Council Ethics Committee and has served as member of the New South Wales/ACT AFL Tribunal from 2007 to date. Prior to coming to the Bar Jason was an Associate Lecturer in the Business Faculty of the Northern Territory University and worked at Dunhill Madden Butler and then Ebsworth & Ebsworth as a solicitor and Senior Associate. [BEc LLB LLM University of Sydney]

James Stuart Emmett

Banco Chambers

James commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 1 May 2006. He practices in the areas of appellate work, commercial law, common law/personal injury, equity, criminal law, international law, public/administrative law and alternative dispute resolution. James taught the University of New South Wales undergraduate electives in statutory interpretation and conflict of laws for many years, and has presented many papers and seminars on that topic. He is presently an Adjunct Associate Professor at University of NSW. James has contributed chapters to *Banking Law* (LexisNexis, 2012) and *Historical Foundations of Australian Law* (Federation Press, 2013). He is a member of a Professional Conduct Committee and has participated in the Bar Practice Course, either as a presenter or coach, on a number of occasions. James was the founding Chair of the Inner City Legal Centre Foundation. Prior to coming to the Bar, James worked as associate to the Hon Murray Gleeson AC QC, Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and as a solicitor at Mallesons Stephen Jaques. [LLB University of NSW LLM Cambridge University]

Andrew Francis Fernon

University Chambers

Andrew commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 25 February 2000. He practices in commercial law, focussing on property, corporations, equity and general commercial law, and family law. Andrew has regularly presented papers in the area of business law and acts as a magistrate and coach for the Law Society's School mooting competition. Prior to coming to the Bar Andrew practised as a litigation solicitor at Clayton Utz, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia and at Landerer & Co. [BEc LLB (Hons) Australian National University LLM University of Sydney]

Andrew Charles Harding

12th Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

Andrew commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 16 February 2004. He practices in appellate work, commercial law and equity. Andrew has served as a member of the Bar Association's Costs and Fees Committee and has acted as a judge in the Macquarie University Law Society's witness examination competition. In 2003 Andrew was awarded the Blashki Prize for academic achievement in the Bar examinations. Prior to coming to the Bar Andrew worked as a Research Officer for the Equity Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and practised as a solicitor at Freehills. [BCom LLB University of NSW]

Perry David Herzfeld

Eleven Wentworth

Perry commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 1 July 2013 after practising at the Victorian Bar since 19 November 2009. He practices in appellate work, commercial law and public/administrative law. Perry is a member of the Bar Association's Education Committee and has presented a number of continuing professional development seminars. Perry is one of the two authors of *Interpretation* (2nd ed) (Thomson Reuters 2020). He has written a number of articles published in various legal journals and has been a reporter for the *Commonwealth Law Reports*. Prior to coming to the Bar Perry worked as a litigation solicitor at Allens Arthur Robinson and as an Associate to the Honourable Justice Susan Crennan AC at the High Court of Australia. [LLB (Hons) LLM University of Melbourne]

Justin Hogan-Doran

7 Wentworth Selborne

Justin commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 3 February 2003. He practices in alternative dispute resolution, appellate work, commercial law, equity and international law. He has been a member of the Bar Council, has served as Treasurer of the New South Wales Bar Association and has served as a member of a Professional Conduct Committee and the Association's Costs and Fees and Finance Investment and Audit Committees. Justin presents continuing professional development and continuing legal education seminars and at conferences from time to time on matters of practice, substantive law and ethics. Justin has published a number of journal articles on private international law and co-authored a

chapter published in *Commercial Issues in Private International Law* (Hart Publishing, 2019) and has been an Adjunct Senior Lecturer at University of Sydney Law School. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, a Fellow of the UK Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration. Until recently, he held a commission as an officer in the Australian Army Legal Corps. Prior to coming to the Bar, he worked as Associate to His Excellency Sir Ninian Stephen KG AK GCMG GCVO KBE QC, during his term as a judge at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia at The Hague in 1996 and 1997, as a solicitor Mallesons Stephen Jaques in the Banking and Finance Division, as a Management Consultant with the Boston Consulting Group in its Financial Services practice group and lectured at the University of Sydney Law School. [BEc LLB (Hons) University of Sydney BCL (Hons) MPhil Oxford University]

Benjamin Frederick Katekar

New Chambers

Ben commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 4 February 2003. He practices in alternative dispute resolution, appellate work, commercial law and equity. Ben has served as a member of Bar Council, on a Professional Conduct Committee and on the Bar Association's Education Committee. He has regularly participated in the Bar Practice Course as a coach and presenter and as a coach for the ABA's Advanced Trial Advocacy Course. He has been an instructor and coach at international courses in South Africa, Singapore and Malaysia. Prior to coming to the Bar, he worked as a solicitor and senior associate at Allens and an insolvency accountant for Arthur Andersen & Co. [BEc LLB (Hons) Grad DipL Australian National University]

Angus Ralston Lang

Tenth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

Angus commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 9 October 2006. He practices in commercial law. He is the Deputy Chair of the Law Council of Australia's Intellectual Property Committee and a member of the Federal Court Intellectual Property Users Group. Angus also teaches intellectual property law at the Universities of Sydney and New South Wales, as well as universities in Europe. He was awarded the Blashki Prize for academic achievement in the Bar examinations. Angus has published and presented papers on intellectual property and is co-chair of the Intellectual Property Practice Group of the German-Australian-Pacific Lawyers' Association. He has also played for, and toured with, the NSW Bar football team. Prior to coming to the Bar he was an Associate to a Federal Court Judge and a senior associate at Herbert Smith Freehills. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) University of Sydney LLM Humboldt Universität zu Berlin]

David Anthony Lloyd

12th Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

David commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 5 May 2008. He practices in alternative dispute resolution, appellate work, commercial law, common law/personal injury, equity and inquests/inquiries. David is a member of the Bar Association's Inquests and Inquiries Committee. He appeared as counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse in seven case studies. Prior to coming to the Bar David worked as a litigation solicitor and partner. [BA MA University of Sydney LLB (Hons) Macquarie University]

Kenneth Leslie McKay

Crown Prosecutors Chambers – Sydney

Ken commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 13 September 2000 on his appointment as a Crown Prosecutor. He practices in criminal law. Ken was appointed a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor in February 2017. Prior to coming to the Bar Ken was a solicitor with the office of the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions. [DipL Solicitors Admission Board]

Richard William Potter

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Richard commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 4 October 2005. He practices in alternative dispute resolution, appellate work, commercial law, defamation and equity. He is a member of the Law Council of Australia's Media & Communications Committee. Richard regularly presents papers and seminars on defamation and media law at various forums, has lectured at the University of Sydney Masters course in Publishing and has also written various journal articles relating to these topics. He is a panel member of the Arts Law Centre of Australia and has twice been presented with the Centre's Arts Law Pro Bono award. Prior to coming to the NSW Bar Richard practised as a solicitor and partner in England at a law firm in Gray's Inn, London and then worked as a solicitor and partner at Phillips Fox (now DLA Piper) in Sydney. [BA (Law) Trent University]

Jonathon Alan Redwood

Banco Chambers

Jonathon commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 13 June 2013 after practising at the Victorian Bar since 16 February 2006. He practices in alternative dispute resolution, appellate work, commercial law, inquests/inquiries, international law and public/administrative law. He is a member of the International Committee of the Australian Bar Association and a member of the Law Council of Australia's Corporations Law Committee. Jonathon has taught law at the Universities of Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney, prepared and presented numerous papers for the legal profession, published a variety of articles in academic journals and was the author for several years of "Defences to

Torts” for *Laws of Australia* (Thomson Reuters). He is the current co-author of *Jacobs on International Arbitration*” (Thomson Reuters) and a was reporter for the *Commonwealth Law Reports* for a number of years. Jonathon was the Sir Robert Menzies scholar at Harvard, where he graduated with an LL.M. from Harvard Law School and was also awarded the George Murray scholarship and made a Gammon Fellow by Harvard Law School for distinguished academic achievement. Jonathon is currently Vice-President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA). Prior to coming to the Victorian Bar Jonathon worked as Associate to the Chief Justice of South Australia, lectured and tutored at the University of Adelaide and practiced at the international law firm, Sullivan & Cromwell in New York. [BCom LLB (Hons) University of Adelaide LLM Harvard BCL Oxford University]

Yaseen Shariff

12th Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

Yaseen commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 8 October 2007. He practices in appellate work, commercial law, criminal law and industrial/employment law. Yaseen is a member of the Bar Council and the current Honorary Secretary of the New South Wales Bar Association. He has also served on a Professional Conduct Committee and as Secretary of the Bar Association’s Industrial Employment Health and Safety Committee for a number of years. He is the Bar Council’s representative on the Legal Qualifications Committee and the Federal Court National Employment and Industrial Law Panel User Group, and is a Director of Counsels Chambers Limited. Yaseen also regularly presents at legal profession seminars and contributes articles to legal journals. Prior to coming to the Bar, Yaseen worked as a solicitor and senior associate at Clayton Utz and Allens Arthur Robinson. [BEc LLB University of Sydney]

Jodi Antoinette Steele

Thirteenth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

Jodi commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 15 February 2002. She practices in appellate work, commercial law, common law/personal injury, equity, industrial/employment law, inquests/inquiries and international law. Jodi is a member of the Bar Association’s Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee and has delivered a number of continuing professional development presentations for the Bar Association and a variety of other seminars. She is also a Director of Counsel’s Chambers Limited and an officer in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve. Prior to coming to the NSW Bar Jodi worked as a solicitor at Allens Arthur Robinson (now, Allens Linklaters) and as Senior Legal Officer at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. [BA LLB University of NSW]

Frank Anthony Veltro

Crown Prosecutors Chambers – Parramatta

Frank commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 14 February 1997. He practices in criminal law and appellate work. He was appointed as a Crown Prosecutor in 2000 and was appointed as a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor in March 2019 and head of the Court of Criminal Appeal Unit in March 2020. Frank is a member of the Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee and served on a Professional Conduct Committee for a number of years. He has acted as a moot court judge and assessor for the Criminal Law Specialist Accreditation Course conducted by the Law Society and the Bar Reading Course. Frank has delivered papers and presented at numerous legal conferences. [LLB University of Technology Sydney]

Justin Richard Williams

Eleven Wentworth

Justin commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 18 May 2007. He practices in alternative dispute resolution, appellate work, commercial law, equity, inquests/inquiries and international law. Prior to coming to the Bar Justin worked in investment banking at Macquarie Bank Limited and as a litigation solicitor at Mallesons Stephen Jaques in Sydney. [BCom LLB University of NSW]

Christopher Hamish Withers

Banco Chambers

Christopher commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 9 October 2006. He practices in appellate work, commercial law and equity. He is a member of the Federal Court's National Class Actions Users' Group Committee. Prior to coming to the Bar Christopher was admitted in England & Wales and worked as a solicitor at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and subsequently in commercial litigation at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York. [BA LLB (Hons) University of Adelaide BCL Oxford University]

Houda Younan

Sixth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers

Houda commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 30 April 2007. She practices in alternative dispute resolution, appellate work, commercial law, criminal law, international law, public/administrative law and tax/revenue law. Houda has been an adjunct lecturer in public international law and international dispute resolution at the University of Sydney and has successfully coached the University team in the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot. Houda is regularly invited to participate as an acting judge in the University of Sydney's Public International Law Moot Competition, as well as the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot. She also regularly presents at legal profession seminars and contributes articles to legal journals. Houda was also an inaugural member of the NSW Bar Football Team. Prior to coming to the Bar while studying at Cambridge University she was awarded the Clive Parry Prize for International Law and she also worked as Associate to the Honourable J J Spigelman AC, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and in the Office of International Law in the Commonwealth Attorney-

General's Department. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) University of Sydney LLM (Hons) Cambridge University]

Andre Raymond Zahra

Ninth Floor Selborne Chambers

Andre commenced practice at the New South Wales Bar on 16 February 2004. He practices in appellate work, commercial law and equity. He has been a member of a Professional Conduct Committee for a number of years and has regularly assisted the conduct of the Bar Practice Course by supervising and mentoring during advocacy practice sessions and acted as a Judge in the Law Society of New South Wales inter-school mock trial competition. Prior to coming to the Bar Andre worked as an Associate to a Federal Court Judge and then as a solicitor in the commercial litigation group and Senior Associate at Phillips Fox (now DLA Piper). [BCom LLB University of NSW]