



NEW SOUTH WALES  
BAR ASSOCIATION

## Senior Counsel Appointments 2021

### **Troy Anderson** **Public Defenders Chambers**

Troy commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 10 October 2007. He practises in criminal law. Prior to coming to the Bar he practised as a solicitor specialising in commercial litigation, and was a Senior Associate at Piper Alderman and DLA Phillips Fox. At the private Bar he initially practiced in commercial litigation, but by 2012, his practice was almost entirely criminal, acting for both the Commonwealth DPP and for accused persons in both hearings and in the Court of Criminal Appeal. He was appointed a Public Defender in 2017. Troy is the author of the legal text *Commonwealth Criminal Law*, published by Federation Press. Since 2014, he has been a casual lecturer in criminal law at the University of New England. Troy has been a member of the New South Wales Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee and has been involved with the Bar Practice Course in mock trials for a number of years. [BA MIntL University of Sydney DipL Legal Practitioners Admission Board]

### **James Arnott** **Sixth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers**

James commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 5 May 2008. He practises in Appellate Work, Equity and Commercial Law. Prior to coming to the Bar he was a solicitor then Senior Associate and, before that, a solicitor at Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens). He has regularly presented to clients and law firms on significant developments in the areas in which he practises, particularly in relation to class actions and competition law. James is a member of a Professional Conduct Committee and Floor Secretary for Sixth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers. [BEc LLB LLM University of Sydney]

### **Hamish Bevan** **Nigel Bowen Chambers**

Hamish commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 1 May 2006. He practises in Appellate Work, Equity, Intellectual Property and Commercial and Public/Administrative Law. He has presented papers on intellectual property and migration law to a variety of forums, and has participated on panels at forums in relation to issues of diversity. Hamish has assisted with the Bar Examinations and has presented at the Bar Association's Bar Practice Course for a number of years. [BA LLB University of Sydney]

**Timothy Breakspear**  
**Banco Chambers**

Timothy commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 5 May 2008. He practises in Construction and Infrastructure Law and Commercial Arbitration. Prior to coming to the Bar he worked as a Judge's Associate to the Hon Keith Mason AC QC and as a solicitor with Mallesons. Timothy has assisted with advocacy coaching at mock applications in the Bar Practice Course and has served as a member of the Supreme Court Technology & Construction List Users Group. He also has presented a number of CPD seminars specifically directed to assisting younger members of the profession. [BCom LLB University of NSW]

**Cynthia Cochrane**  
**5 Wentworth Chambers**

Cynthia commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 2 May 2005. She practises in Appellate Work and Commercial Law, including patent and trade mark matters. Prior to coming to the Bar she worked as a solicitor in the Melbourne and Sydney offices of Allens. Cynthia regularly gives presentations to legal practitioners on intellectual property and competition law issues. She is a contributor to *Federal Litigation Precedents*, a companion volume to *Practice and Procedure High Court and Federal Court of Australia*, in the areas of Intellectual Property, Special Leave and Pleadings and is a regular contributor to legal journals on intellectual property and other matters. She is Director on the Board of 5 Wentworth Chambers. Cynthia is also a member of the Bar Association's Wellbeing Committee and has been a member of a Professional Conduct Committee, and has been a tutor and presented in the Bar Practice Course. [BCom (Hons) LLB (Hons) University of Melbourne]

**Craig Everson**  
**Crown Prosecutors Chambers – Sydney**

Craig commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 23 August 1996. He practices in Criminal Law. Prior to coming to the Bar he was a lecturer and tutor in criminology at the University of Western Sydney and a tutor in criminal law at the Aboriginal Student Centre at the University of NSW, and subsequently a solicitor with the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT). Craig was appointed a Crown Prosecutor in 2005 and has been a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor since 2014. He is an instructor with the Australian Advocacy Institute and an advocacy coach and lecturer on the Bar Practice Course. He has presented at Bar Association CPD Conferences and is a member of the Bar Association's Accessibility Panel. [BA LLB University of NSW]

**Andrew Fox**  
**5 Wentworth Chambers**

Andrew commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 1 May 2006. He practices in Commercial Law including Intellectual Property and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Prior to coming to the Bar he was a solicitor at Stuart Fowler & Associates, a solicitor then Senior Associate at Corrs Chambers Westgarth and at Griffith Hack, where he ultimately worked as a Principal. He teaches and has been appointed the examiner for the Intellectual Property course for the Law Extension Committee of the University of Sydney, and regularly presents papers and seminars on intellectual property matters. Andrew has participated in advocacy training for the Bar Practice Course and as a coach in Australian Advocacy Institute courses. Andrew is a member of the Board of 5 Wentworth Chambers, is a member of a Professional Conduct Committee and has been a member of the Bar Association's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. [LLB (Hons) LLM University of Sydney]

**Sharyn Hall**  
**Samuel Griffith Chambers**

Sharyn commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 8 October 2007. She practices in Appellate Work, Criminal Law and Inquests/Inquiries. Prior to coming to the Bar she served as a tipstaff to the Hon Justice Virginia Bell AC in the Supreme Court and worked as a solicitor with the Western Aboriginal Legal Service then at Legal Aid NSW. Sharyn is a Senior Instructor at the Australian Advocacy Institute and an advocacy coach for the Bar Practice Course. She is a member of the Bar Association's Education Committee and has served on the Criminal Law and Legal Aid Committees. [BA (Hons) LLB University of Sydney]

**Anne Horvath**  
**Banco Chambers**

Anne commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 1 May 2006. She practices in Commercial Law, Common Law/Personal Injury and Inquests/Inquiries. Prior to coming to the Bar she worked as a solicitor at the Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission, the Crown Solicitor's Office and Phillips Fox (now DLA Piper). She presents regularly to legal profession forums on insurance law. Anne has been involved in the Bar Examinations and assisted the Bar Practice Course on a number of occasions, and spoke as Ms Junior at the 2009 Bench and Bar Dinner. [BA LLB Australian National University LLM University of NSW]

**Bede Kelleher**  
**13th Floor St James Hall**

Bede commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 11 August 2003. He practices in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Common Law/Personal Injury and Inquests/Inquiries. Prior to coming to the Bar, Bede worked as tipstaff to Justice Hunter of the NSW Supreme Court and then for a major insurance firm. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) University of Sydney]

**Stuart Lawrance**

### **Tenth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers**

Stuart commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 5 May 2008. He practices in Equity and Commercial Law. Stuart practised as a solicitor between 2000 and 2008 before coming to the Bar. He is a member of the Federal Court's Commercial & Corporations (General) Users' Group for NSW and the ACT and has served on a Professional Conduct Committee. [BA LLB University of Sydney]

### **Luke Livingston New Chambers**

Luke commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 4 May 2009. He practices in Appellate Work, Commercial Law, Equity, International, Public/Administrative and Tax/Revenue Law. Prior to coming to the Bar he worked as Associate to the Hon Justice W M C Gummow AC in the High Court of Australia and as a solicitor and then Senior Associate at Mallesons. In 2008 Luke was awarded the Con Varnavas Award for the highest aggregate score in the New South Wales Bar Exams. He is a long-term member of the Readers and Licensees Committee at New Chambers, a contributor to the Bar Practice Course since 2015, an active member of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law and previously served on the board of directors of Seven Wentworth for several years. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) University of Melbourne]

### **Sera Mirzabegian Eleven Wentworth**

Sera commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 9 October 2006. She practises in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate Work, Commercial Law, Common Law/Personal Injury, Equity, Industrial/Employment Law, Inquests/Inquiries, International Law and Public/Administrative Law. Prior to coming to the Bar she was a litigation solicitor at Gilbert + Tobin and Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills). Sera is a published legal author, and has lectured at the University of New South Wales, the University of Sydney and Macquarie University in areas ranging from class actions to international human rights law. Sera won the the Blashki Award for the highest aggregate marks in the New South Wales Bar Examinations. Sera is the Bar Association's Honorary Secretary and a member of Bar Council, as well as being a member of the Association's Finance, Investment and Audit Committee and a Professional Conduct Committee. Sera has also served as Secretary of the Association's Commercial Law Section and as a member of the Human Rights and Bar News Committees. [BEc LLB (Hons) MIL University of Sydney]

### **Peter Newton 11th Floor St James Hall**

Peter commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 8 August 1997. He practises in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Appellate Work, Commercial Law and Equity. Prior to coming to the Bar, Peter worked as a solicitor, practicing predominantly in the areas of commercial law, property law and banking and finance. Since 2019, he has served as a part-time member

in the Migration and Refugee Division of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He is also a member of a Professional Conduct Committee. [DipL Solicitors Admission Board]

**Matthew Richardson**  
**153 Phillip**

Matthew commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 25 February 2000. He practises in Defamation Law. Prior to coming to the Bar he was a solicitor working in litigation at Gilbert + Tobin. Matthew is a member of the Readers' Committee on his current Floor and was a Director of his former chambers Level 6 St James Hall. He has served on the Bar Association's Defamation Working Party and delivered numerous papers on defamation law at various seminars over many years. [BComm LLB University of NSW]

**Helen Roberts**  
**Crown Prosecutors Chambers – Sydney**

Helen commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 8 July 2010. She practises in Appellate Work and Criminal Law. Prior to coming to the Bar Helen worked as a tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Kim Santow AO, as an Associate to the Hon Murray Gleeson AC GBS QC when he was Chief Justice of the High Court, as a solicitor in the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, as a Crown Prosecutor in the Northern Territory and then as a solicitor advocate with the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions until her appointment as a Crown Prosecutor in July 2010. Since March 2019 Helen has held the position of Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor and in 2020 acted in the position of Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions for a number of months. She is co-author of Waller's Coronial Law and Practice in NSW and has presented a number of papers at conferences and given academic guest lectures in this field. She is a member of the Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee and is a regular advocacy coach at the Bar Practice Course. [BSc LLB Australian National University]

**David Sulan**  
**Banco Chambers**

David commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 30 April 2007. He practises in Appellate Work, Commercial Law and Equity. Prior to coming to the Bar he worked at Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons) then worked as a tipstaff to the Hon Justice Margaret Beazley (as Her Excellency then was). After completing a BCL (with distinction) at Oxford University, David worked for a time as a solicitor then Associate at Herbert Smith in London. He is a member of the Supreme Court's Commercial List User Group. [BCom LLB (Hons) BCL Oxford University]

**Donna Ward**

### **Frederick Jordan Chambers**

Donna commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 2 May 2005. She practises in Family Law and Guardianship and Inquests/Inquiries. Prior to coming to the Bar, Donna practised as a solicitor with Legal Aid NSW and the NSW Crown Solicitor's Office. Donna is a member of the Association's Inquests and Inquiries Committee and a Professional Conduct Committee, has presented CPDs on coronial-related issues and has participated in the Bar Readers Course as an advocacy coach. [BA LLB (Hons) University of Sydney]

### **John Waters Sixth Floor Windeyer Chambers**

John commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 13 September 1993. He practises in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Environment and Planning Law and Public/Administrative Law, including Native Title and Cultural Heritage work. Prior to coming to the Bar he worked as a solicitor in private practice including as a partner, with emphasis on commercial litigation. John has regularly presented seminars on native title, evidentiary and other issues at a variety of forums. [BA LLB Macquarie University MBA Pace University New York]

### **Georgina Wright Thirteenth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers**

Georgina commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 4 July 2007. She practises in Appellate Work, Criminal Law, Inquests/Inquiries and Public/Administrative Law. Prior to coming to the Bar she practised as a solicitor at the Crown Solicitor's Office, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW) and as a graduate at Corrs Chambers Westgarth. Georgina also spent just under three years practising law in a French law firm in Paris, being admitted to the Paris Bar. Georgina is a member of the Association's Inquests and Inquiries Committee and is a member of the Board of Thirteen Wentworth. [BA LLB University of Sydney BCivil BCL Oxford University]