

Imtiaz Ahmed**Sixth Floor Selborne/Wentworth Chambers**

Imtiaz commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 3 May 2010. He commands a wide-ranging commercial practice, with a principal focus in corporations and competition law, and class action proceedings while also practising in professional negligence, product liability, insolvency and insurance law. Prior to coming to the Bar, Imtiaz worked as a solicitor at King & Wood Mallesons (then Mallesons Stephen Jaques) in Sydney. Imtiaz is a member of the Bar Association's Education Committee and has assisted as presenter and assessor with the Bar Practice Course. He also lectures at the University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney and has contributed to publications on corporations law, insurance law and intellectual property. [BEc, LLB (Hons) (Syd), LLM (Harvard)]

David Barrow**Forbes Chambers**

David commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 2 August 2009. He practises in Criminal law, Appellate Criminal law and Commissions of Inquiry and Inquests. David has conducted multiple appeals in the Court of Criminal Appeal and appeared in criminal trials as a defender and as a prosecutor. Prior to coming to the Bar, David practised as a lawyer with the Legal Aid NSW (then NSW Legal Aid Commission) including as head of the Indictable Appeals Unit and was responsible for establishing the Coronial Inquest Unit. David has demonstrated an ongoing and consistent commitment to the representation of disadvantaged people in the criminal justice system, by continuing each year to take on legally aided cases, both at first instance and on appeal. [BA LLB (ANU), LLM (Sydney)]

Simon Chapple**13th Floor St James Hall**

Simon commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 1 October 2010. He has a general equity practice, with a focus on succession, real property, and protective law. Prior to coming to the Bar, Simon worked at Freehills in Sydney. He has lectured in contracts and real property at Western Sydney University and Sydney University, is a co-author of textbooks on equity and trusts and sale of land and presents regularly at conferences. Simon is a member of the Succession and Protective Law Committee and the Secretary of the Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History. Simon is also a Board Member of the B Miles Women's Foundation, an organisation that helps women in inner Sydney to prevent or resolve homelessness through tailored support and access to safe, secure and affordable accommodation. [BA (Hons) LLB (UNSW) PhD (UNSW)]

Angela Cook**Forbes Chambers**

Angela commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 3 October 2008. Her practice is primarily in criminal law, with an extensive trial and appellate practice. She also appears in inquests and high risk-offender matters and is a specialist in children's criminal law. Prior to coming to the Bar, Angela worked in a private firm on the Central Coast and then at Legal Aid NSW. Angela is a founding member of the Criminal Defence Lawyers Association and has been involved in organising and presenting at various continuing professional development talks and conferences, mentoring junior counsel and judging mooting competitions and mentoring law students. [BA LLB (Macquarie University)]

Jamie Darams
Greenway Chambers

Jamie commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 30 April 2007. He practices in Employment and Industrial Law, Anti-Discrimination Law and disciplinary matters. He appears at first instance, in complex cases, and on appeals in employment and industrial law. He also practices in consumer law, general commercial law, equity and in corporations matters. Prior to coming to the Bar, Jamie was employed by Clayton Utz and then Eakin McCaffery Cox where he practiced in employment and industrial relations law. Jamie is on the Industrial Employment Health & Safety Committee of the Bar Association and is a Board Member of Sharelife Australia, a not for profit organisation whose primary aim is to increase the organ and tissue donation rate in Australia. [BCom (UA), LLB (Hons)(UA)]

Avni Djemal
Forbes Chambers

Avni commenced at the NSW Bar on 17 February 2003. His practice areas are Criminal law, Appellate criminal law and Commissions of Inquiry and Inquests and Environmental Law. He specialises in criminal trial work where he deals with highly complex and large-scale criminal matters. Prior to coming to the Bar, Avni was a solicitor advocate for the Aboriginal Legal Service in the South Western and Sydney regions and later worked at the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions in the Wollongong and Lismore offices. Avni has mentored many young lawyers and has continued to act pro bono in matters throughout his career [BEc (UNE), LLB (SCU), LLM (UNSW)].

Sean Docker
University Chambers

Sean commenced at the NSW Bar on 9 August 2004. His practice is primarily in Property law, Contracts, Building and Construction, Equity and Trusts and Succession law. He also practices in Consumer Protection and Insolvency law and defends environmental prosecutions. Prior to working as a lawyer, Sean was employed by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, working on land and native title claims, cultural heritage protection and community projects. In 1999, he was admitted as a solicitor and worked for Horowitz & Bilinsky in general practice and then at Kemp Strang doing commercial work. Sean has served on many Bar Association Committees and is currently a member of the Education Committee and the Accessibility Panel. Sean is also an advocacy coach at the Bar Practice Course. Since 2021, Sean has served on Basketball Australia's Integrity Panel. [BSc (Hons) (Syd), LLB (Syd)]

David Dura
Waratah Chambers

David commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 9 August 2002. His practice area is the Family Law jurisdiction, predominantly in complex proceedings in the Federal Circuit & Family Court Division 1 and Division 2 and in Appellate Family law matters. Prior to coming to the Bar, David worked as a solicitor at a small private practice in Liverpool, servicing Sydney's western suburbs, practising in family law litigation, domestic violence, victim's compensation claims and conveyancing. David has mentored junior lawyers, assisted with the development of family law materials for the University of Sydney and is affiliated with Brigid Justice, who provide legal services for women who are the victims of family violence and unable to meet the costs of legal representation. [Dip Law, LPAB]

Dr Peggy Dwyer
Forbes Chambers

Peggy commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 5 May 2010. She practises in three primary areas – Inquests and Commissions of Inquiry, Disciplinary matters and Criminal law. Her expertise as counsel assisting in major coronial inquests in NSW and the Northern Territory has led to instrumental reforms addressing cultural and language barriers to allow for participation of Aboriginal witnesses and families. Prior to coming to the Bar, Peggy was a Solicitor Advocate for 10 years, eight of them at Aboriginal Legal Services (ALS) in Redfern and later in the Northern Territory including in very remote areas of the Territory, appearing in trials and all superior courts prior to coming to the bar in NSW. She was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy in Law by the University of Edinburgh in 2000. Peggy has been the NSW Bar Associations’ representative on the Legal Aid Board of NSW since 2011 and is a member of a Professional Conduct Committee. She was also on the board of ‘Gotcha4Life’ for many years and was Chair of Weave Youth and Community Services. [BA LLB (Hons) (ANU) PhD (University of Edinburgh)]

Nicholas Eastman
Martin Place Chambers

Nick commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 10 April 2006. He practices in Environmental, Planning and Administrative law. Prior to coming to the Bar, Nick was a public interest litigation solicitor for the Office of Fair Trading Funded Projects, Tenants’ Union of NSW and volunteered at Kingsford Legal Centre. He is a contributor to The Law Handbook and the Lawyers Practice Manual. Nick is an ‘Advocacy Coach’ for the NSW Bar Practice Course, has served on a Professional Conduct Committee, and was an inaugural member of the Land and Environment Court duty barrister scheme. He has a pro bono practice in environmental law including as to Aboriginal Heritage issues and in housing and tenancy law. [BA LLB (UNSW)]

Kirsten Edwards
Forbes Chambers

Kirsten commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 4 May 2009. She has a diverse Criminal law practice specialising in complex matters including environmental crime, occupational health and safety and corporate crime and appears in Inquests and Commissions and Inquiries. Prior to coming to the Bar, Kirsten worked as a solicitor at the Legal Aid Commission and as a Solicitor Advocate at the Crown Solicitor’s Office. She lectures at the University of New South Wales, Sydney University and the University of Technology. Kirsten is a member of the Bar Association’s Inquests and Inquiries Committee, has drafted components of bar examinations for the Bar Association and has contributed to Continuing Professional Development sessions at the bar, judged moots and undertaken pro bono work. [BA LLB (Hons) (ANU), LLM (Yale)]

Henry El-Hage
12 Wentworth Selborne Chambers

Henry commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 4 May 2009. His practice is in Public and Administrative law, including Planning and Environmental law matters, and Native Title matters. He is Environmental Counsel to the Board of the Environment Protection Agency. Henry acts in complex public law matters for ministers, government agencies and regulators, as a prosecutor in environmental and regulatory matters, and has an extensive practice in Native Title cases. Prior to coming to the Bar, Henry was a senior solicitor (constitutional and native title law team) and solicitor advocate (commercial law team) at the Crown Solicitor’s Office. Henry has provided advice and appeared for clients of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre who do not have the means to retain counsel, is a mentor in the Bar Association’s mentoring program and a regular presenter of continuing professional development seminars. [BCom (Finance), LLB (Hons)]

Maria Gerace**Maurice Byers Chambers**

Maria commenced at the NSW Bar on 2 May 2005. Her practice is in Common Law, Medical Negligence including in complex matters of severe injury, catastrophic birth injury and death arising from alleged deficiency in health care services, Intentional Torts with a speciality in litigation arising from child sexual abuse, and litigation for clients affected by complex trauma and mental illness, Inquests and Inquiries and Alternative Dispute Resolution. Prior to coming to the Bar, Maria practised as a Principal of her own firm Sachs Gerace Lawyers, and prior to that as a solicitor at Slater & Gordon in dust diseases and class actions, GIO in the General Insurance Law Department, Ernst and Young in regulatory and tax litigation, and at Tress Cox & Maddocks in commercial litigation. Maria is on the Common Law Committee of the Bar Association, has previously served on the Criminal Law and ADR Committees and has acted for many years as an advocacy coach for the NSW Bar Readers course. [BEc (Syd), LLB (Hons)(Syd)]

Catherine Gleeson**New Chambers**

Catherine commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 2 October 2009. She has established a generalist practice with a focus on commercial law, but also including Criminal law, Appellate, Public and Administrative law, Commercial law, Inquests and Inquiries, and Shipping and Transport law. Catherine has appeared for the DPP (NSW) on appeals and in judicial review proceedings, for defendants in large class actions and in Royal Commissions. Prior to coming to the Bar, Catherine was a solicitor at Corrs Chambers Westgarth, at Clyde & Co LLP in London and then at Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills) with a focus on commercial litigation. Catherine is a member of the Bar Council, Deputy Chair of the Bar News Committee, is on a Professional Conduct Committee, the Finance Investment and Audit Committee and a member of the Commercial Law Section. She was also on the New Barristers' Committee, has marked the Bar Exams, has lectured on the Bar Practice Course and presented Continuing Professional Development seminars for the bar. She has also regularly undertaken pro bono work and was a member of the Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Advisory Committee [BA, LLB (Hons) (Syd), BCL (Oxford)]

Brett Hatfield**Crown Prosecutors Chambers – Sydney**

Brett commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 11 May 2010. He has been a Crown Prosecutor (NSW) since 2014, following a practice at the bar in State and Federal criminal law. In 2022 he was appointed as an Acting Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor and in 2023 he was appointed as an Acting Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions. Prior to coming to the Bar, Brett worked as a solicitor at Cridlands Lawyers in Darwin until 2001 when he joined the Commonwealth Director Public Prosecutors, initially in Darwin and then moving to Sydney, where he became part of the commercial prosecutions branch. He also practised in England and Wales at the Financial Services Authority before joining Reed Smith LLP and then returning to the Northern Territory to work at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency in Katherine. Brett is a member of the Criminal Law Committee, on the executive of the Australian Association of Crown Prosecutors and is the ODPP representative on the Bugmy Bar Book Committee. [LLB (UofM), LLM (UNSW)]

Dr Benjamin Kremer**Banco Chambers**

Ben commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 9 October 2006. His practice is diverse across the areas of Commercial law, Intellectual property, Building and Construction and Administrative law and is frequently briefed in matters involving issues of science and technology. Ben has published articles and book chapters on subjects including equity, restitution, intellectual property, legal history, and law and technology. In 2001, Ben was awarded a Doctorate of Philosophy in Law, Magdalen College, University of Oxford. Prior to coming to the Bar, Ben worked as a solicitor for Freehills in Sydney. Ben is a member of a Professional Conduct Committee and the Deputy Chair of the Media and Information Law and Technology Committee. [BSc (Hons) (Syd), LLB (Hons) (Syd), DPhil (Oxford University)]

Gillian Mahony**8 Wentworth Chambers**

Gillian commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 13 October 2006. She has a diverse practice, including Administrative law, Estate and Family, Child-protection matters, Adoptions, Charitable Trusts, Commercial claims, Coronial inquests and Inquiries, Torts and Appellate law. She has also acted as a prosecutor for the CDPP. Prior to legal practice, Gillian worked as a stage manager in commercial theatre and then as an Auslan interpreter whilst undertaking her studies in law. On admission as a legal practitioner, Gillian was employed with the NSW Crown Solicitor. Gillian is on the Education Committee. She was the Course Director for the NSW Bar Practice Course from 2016 to 2023 and in recognition of this contribution was made a life member for "exceptional service to the Bar Association and to the profession of the law". [BA (Drama & Literature), (Macquarie University), Dip. Interpreting (Auslan)(TAFE), LLB (Hons) (UTS)]

Simon Meehan**State Chambers**

Simon commenced at the NSW Bar on 11 August 2003. He practices in the areas of Workplace Relations, Employment, Work Health and Safety law and Commercial law. He acts in relation to restraints of trade, protection of confidential information and recovery of misappropriated funds in an employment context, 'whistleblower' protection claims and in major workplace arbitrations. Prior to coming to the Bar, Simon practiced as a solicitor at Blake Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst) in Sydney, where he became a Special Counsel in the Industrial and Employment Law Group. Simon is on the Industrial, Employment, Health and Safety Committee of the Bar Association and a member of the Law Council of Australia Federal Circuit Court Liaison Committee and has presented Continuing Professional Development seminars. [BEc (Syd); LLB (UTS); LLM (Syd)]

Gerald Ng**7 Wentworth Selborne Chambers**

Gerald commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 5 May 2008. Gerald has a broad general practice which includes Constitutional law, Administrative law, Electoral law, Equity, Insurance, Insolvency, Professional negligence and Competition law. He appears in major and complex cases at first instance and on appeal. Prior to coming to the Bar, Gerald was employed as a solicitor at Mallesons Stephen Jaques working on commercial litigation. He has lectured in Constitutional Law at UNSW. Gerald is on the Review Tribunal of the Australian Labor Party (NSW Branch) and has been on the Committee of the NSW Branch of the Asian Australian Lawyers Association and has authored numerous articles for law journals. [BEc (Syd) LLB (Hons) (Syd)]

Richard O'Keefe**Maurice Byers Chambers**

Richard commenced at the Bar on 13 August 1999. Richard practises almost exclusively in Common law, principally in Personal Injuries litigation, with a special interest in Medical Negligence litigation. He also acts in building and construction cases and general insurance litigation. Prior to coming to the Bar, Richard worked for Slater and Gordon and then Blake Dawson Waldron as a solicitor engaged predominantly in the areas of personal injury, general insurance disputes and professional negligence. He is a contributing editor to Australian Professional Liability in Australia and has been a contributor to the online Personal Injury Service. He is a regular contributor to Continuing Professional Development seminars for the legal profession and is a voluntary member of the NSW/ACT Australian Rules Football Tribunal. [BA LLB (Syd)]

Declan Roche**Banco Chambers**

Declan commenced at the Bar on 2 September 2009. Declan practices in Competition law, Commercial Law, Consumer Law and has experience in class actions, Defamation, Regulatory proceedings and Administrative law. Prior to coming to the Bar, Declan was a Lecturer in Law at the London School of Economics where he taught contract law, corporations' law, criminal law, criminology, insolvency law, international criminal law, and public law. When he returned to Australia he worked as a senior lawyer in the litigation unit at the Australian Government Solicitor office, principally in competition law before being admitted to the New York Bar and working as an attorney at Milbank LLP in New York. Declan served on a Professional Conduct Committee of the Bar Association and has also worked in the field of restorative justice and contributed to several important initiatives, including the establishment of a survivor-centred policy for dealing with historical abuse claims on a school council. [BEc (ANU), BLaw (Hons) (ANU), PhD (Law)(ANU)]

Dr Fiona Roughley**Banco Chambers**

Fiona commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 30 September 2011. Her practice is predominantly in Commercial Law, predominantly in large and complex litigation. Fiona acts for plaintiffs and defendants in class actions, for and against government, for foreign states in recognition and enforcement proceedings, and for large multi-national entities. Prior to joining the Bar, Fiona volunteered at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency for a short period before working at Allens Arthur Robinson in competition and litigation law and later at Parliament House, Canberra as a Principal Research Officer for the Senate. Fiona undertook doctoral studies part-time whilst continuing to practise at the Bar and was awarded a PhD by the ANU. Fiona is a regular contributor to Bar News. Since 2018 Fiona has served on the Council of Law Reporting for New South Wales, with responsibilities including assisting to make available a digital offering of the NSW authorised law reports. [BA (Hons) LLB (Hons) (Syd), LLM (Cambridge University), PhD (ANU)]

David Scully**Crown Prosecutors Chambers – Sydney**

David commenced at the NSW Bar on 30 September 2011. He is a Deputy Senior Crown Prosecutor at the NSW DPP and acts as a Deputy Director at times. He prosecutes complex criminal trials in NSW and appears in appeals for the Director. Prior to coming to the Bar, David worked at the Western Australian Director of Public Prosecutions as a trial advocate for many years and in private practice as a commercial litigator (with a regulatory focus) in Sydney at Freehills and London at Herbert Smith. David is on the Criminal Law Committee of the Bar Association, was on the New Barristers' Committee and has delivered continuing legal education at the Legal Aid Commission and the Aboriginal Legal Service. [BA (UWA), LLB (Hons) (UWA), BCL (Oxford University)]

Mark Seymour**Martin Place Chambers**

Mark commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 31 May 2002. He practices in Environmental and Planning law, including in compulsory acquisition and regulatory prosecutions, and also practices in Administrative law and Mediation. Prior to coming to the bar, Mark worked in tipstave positions and for a brief period at the DPP. Mark has been an author of the LexisNexis loose-leaf service Local Government Planning and Environment New South Wales for fifteen years, covering comprehensive annotations to the Local Government Act 1993. He acted for many years as editor to the Environmental Law Reporter. He has been on a number of committees including the Practice Development Committee and a Professional Conduct Committee, is currently on the Climate Change Committee and has promoted diversity at the bar through the regular social event of GayBar. [LLB (Hons) (UTS), MLaw (Government and Commercial Law) (ANU), GradCert Urban & Regional Planning, (UTS)]

Robert Yezerski**Banco Chambers**

Robert commenced practice at the NSW Bar on 1 October 2010. He has a large commercial practice, including in Competition Law, Class Actions, Corporations law matters, Consumer law matters, Regulatory proceedings, Insolvency matters, Property law disputes and Alternative Dispute Resolution. He has lectured in law at the UNSW in Conflict of Laws and in the Masters law courses at the University of Sydney. Prior to coming to the Bar, he worked for the Antitrust Group of Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York, where he was involved in both litigation and merger matters. Robert is a member of a Professional Conduct Committee and has regularly assisted with the Bar Practice Course. [BA (History)(Syd) (Hons), LLB (Hons) (Syd), LL.M. (Harvard Law School)]