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**Areas of practice**

- Criminal, regulatory and disciplinary proceedings
- Inquests and commissions of inquiry
- Special expertise in Commonwealth criminal law

**Admissions to practice**

- Supreme Court of New South Wales                      2004
- High Court of Australia                                      2005
- Called to the Bar    2013

**Qualifications**

- BA LLB(Hons) (*Syd*) LLM (*Melb*)

**Significant cases**

Appeals - unled

- *Salafia v R* [2026] NSWCCA 3 (drug supply)
- *Hadid v R; Singh v R* [2025] NSWCCA 207 (drug importation)
- *Towney v R* [2025] NSWCCA 166 (attempted murder)
- *Yarmohammadi v R* [2025] NSWCCA 161 (drug importation)
- *DPP (Cth) v Ingram* [2025] NSWCCA 103 (statutory construction)
- *Kapua v R* [2023] NSWCCA 14 (fraud)
- *Veale v R* [2022] NSWCCA 154 (child exploitation)
- *Bisiker v R* [2022] NSWCCA 110 (child exploitation)
- *Spinks v DPP (Cth)* [2021] NSWCCA 308 (drug importation)
- *Urdanegui v R* [2021] NSWCCA 170 (drug importation)

- *Nicolas v R* [2021] NSWCCA 89 (drug importation)
- *Huggett v R* [2021] NSWCCA 62 (child exploitation)
- *Hong v R* [2020] NSWCCA 228 (drug importation)
- *Taumoepeau v R; Siaki v R* [2020] NSWCCA 200 (drug importation)
- *Abel v R* [2020] NSWCCA 82 (drug supply and money laundering)
- *Robinson v R* [2020] NSWCCA 41 (fraud)
- *Yin v R* [2019] NSWCCA 217 (drug importation)
- *Martin v R* [2019] NSWCCA 197 (child exploitation)
- *Udovicic v R* [2019] NSWCCA 196 (incompetence of counsel)

#### Appeals - led

- *Tenenboim v R* [2024] NSWCCA 1 (drug importation – led by O’Donnell SC)
- *Issakidis v The Queen* [2020] HCASL 121 (improper pressure on jury – led by McHugh SC)
- *Issakidis v R* [2019] NSWCCA 302 (tax fraud – led by McHugh SC)
- *Castagna v R; Agius v R* [2019] NSWCCA 114 (tax fraud & money laundering – led by McDonald SC)
- *Agius v R* [2015] NSWCCA 200 (tax fraud - led by Neil SC)
- *Liles v R (Cth)* [2014] NSWCCA 289 (tax fraud - led by Neil SC)
- *Milne v The Queen* (2014) 252 CLR 149 (money laundering - led by Game SC & Jordan SC)

#### Trials and sentences - unled

- *Environment Protection Authority v Hughes; Environment Protection Authority v ANT Civil Pty Ltd* [2025] NSWLEC 115 → *Environment Protection Authority v Hughes; Environment Protection Authority v ANT Civil Pty Ltd (No 3)* [2026] NSWLEC 3 (land pollution)
- *Nikollaj v R* [2025] NSWCCA 25 (bail - drug importation)
- *Environment Protection Authority v Visy Pulp and Paper Pty Ltd* [2024] NSWLEC 55 (water pollution)
- *R v Okusitino; R v Lavulo; R v Iongi* [2024] NSWSC 143 (bail - drug importation)
- *R v Aboobacker; R v Noorulla* (unreported, NSWDC, Beckett DCJ, 2 February 2024) (money laundering)
- *Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of New South Wales v Ibrahim* [2023] NSWSC 1275 (contempt)
- *R v Engstrom* (unreported, NSWDC, O’Rourke DCJ, 26 May 2023) (drug importation)
- *R v Jalaei; R v Rabet* (unreported, NSWDC, Buscombe DCJ, 16 May 2023) (excise fraud)
- *R v Weiss* [2022] NSWDC 619 (falsifying company books)
- *R v Nghe* (unreported, NSWDC, Herbert DCJ, 4 November 2022) (drug importation)
- *R v Bui* (unreported, NSWDC, Musgrave DCJ, 8 September 2022) (money laundering)
- *R v Naizmand* (unreported, NSWDC, Craigie DCJ, 10 June 2022) (terrorism)
- *R v Foster* [2022] NSWDC 467 (bank SMS scam)
- *R v Harris* (unreported, NSWDC, Ingram DCJ, 22 April 2022) (computer hacking)
- *R v Tenenboim* (unreported, NSWDC, McClintock DCJ, 6 September 2021) (drug importation)

- *R (Cth) v He (No 1)* [2021] NSWDC 450 → *R (Cth) v He (No 3)* [2021] NSWDC 770 (tobacco smuggling)
- *R v CSJ Seafoods Pty Ltd; R v Marshall* (unreported, NSWDC, Ingram DCJ, 31 July 2020) (illegal fish importation)
- *R v Singh* [2020] NSWDC 242 (arranging sham marriages)
- *R v Yahaiya* (unreported, NSWDC, Hoy DCJ, 30 January 2020) (money laundering)
- *R v Miao* (2016) 23 DCLR(NSW) 89 (possession of child abuse material)
- *R v TD* (unreported, NSWDC, English DCJ, 19 June 2015) (solicit to murder)

#### Trials and sentences - led

- *R v AA* [2019] NSWSC 1423 → *R v AA (No 5)* [2021] NSWSC 195, *R v BB* [2019] NSWSC 1054 → *R v BB (No 7)* [2021] NSWSC 1504 (breach of Iran sanctions – led by McHugh SC)
- *R v Li* [2021] QDC 105, *R v Li* (unreported, QDC, Rinaudo DCJ, 17 June 2022) (insider trading – led by McGuire SC)
- *R v Ellis* (unreported, NSWDC, Williams ADCJ, 11 October 2019) (fraud by a company director – led by Agius SC)
- *R (Cth) v Pirrello; R (Cth) v Spero; R (Cth) v Tobin* [2018] NSWSC 1953 (drug importation – led by McGuire SC)
- *R v Agius; R v Castagna* [2017] NSWSC 549 → *R v Agius; R v Castagna (No 14)* [2018] NSWSC 1248 (tax fraud & money laundering – led by McGuire SC)
- *R v Dickson; R v Issakidis (No 1)* [2014] NSWSC 1068 → (No 18) [2015] NSWSC 268, *R v Issakidis* [2015] NSWSC 834, *R v Issakidis* [2016] NSWSC 747, *R v Issakidis* [2018] NSWSC 378 (tax fraud & money laundering - led by McHugh SC)

#### Disciplinary proceedings

- *Leslie Abboud v Council of the Law Society of New South Wales* [2025] NSWCATOD 34
- *Council of the Law Society of New South Wales v Chand* [2024] NSWCATOD 131 (disqualification order – unled)
- *Hagan v Council of the Law Society of New South Wales* [2022] NSWCATOD 76 (unsatisfactory professional conduct – unled)
- *ASIC v Life Trading Pty Ltd* MDP02/21 (breach of ASIC Market Integrity Rules (Futures Markets) - unled)

#### Other

- *Case Study 46: Public hearing into criminal justice issues and consultation paper*, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (led by Temby QC, for NSW)
- *Hardwick v Federal Commissioner of Taxation & Anor* [2015] NSWSC 1557 (judicial review of prosecutorial decisions - unled)

## Previous employment

- **Principal Legal Officer, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions**

Between 2006 and 2013, Adam worked in the Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart offices of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. For five years, Adam was a member of the Sydney office's Project Wickenby Unit and was responsible for prosecuting individuals involved a tax evasion scheme promoted by Vanuatu accountant Robert Agius. Among others, Adam instructed in *Hili v The Queen* (2010) 242 CLR 520 and *Agius v The Queen* (2011) 80 NSWLR 486.

- **Solicitor, Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons)**

Between 2003 and 2006, Adam worked in the Sydney office of Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons). During this time, Adam worked as a Solicitor in the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions group and also as an Executive Advisor to the firm's Managing Partners. Adam was also a Summer Clerk in the firm's Structured Finance group.

## Statutory appointments

- Environmental Counsel to the Board of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), appointed under s.17 of the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991* (NSW), 2023 –

## Other appointments and memberships

- Director, 7 GBC Pty Ltd t/a Seventh Floor Garfield Barwick Chambers, 2018 - 2023
- Member, Professional Conduct Committee 4, NSW Bar Association, 2014 – 2018
- Member, International Association of Prosecutors, 2016 –

## Publications

- McGrath A. (2022, January). 'Married Couple sentenced in Australia for breach of Iran sanctions'. *IAP* [International Association of Prosecutors] *News*, 83, 10-11.
- McGrath A. (2025, December). 'Appointment of Justice Paul McGuire'. *Bar News: Journal of the NSW Bar Association*, 85.