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Areas of practice

- Criminal, regulatory and disciplinary proceedings
- Special expertise in Commonwealth crime, including drug importation, child exploitation, tax fraud, money laundering and corporate crimes
- Special expertise in State environmental, building and consumer crimes

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 for the accused/offender - unled

- ***Leslie v R*** [2026] NSWCCA 135 (accused interlocutory appeal, robbery)
- ***Salafia v R*** [2026] NSWCCA 3 (conviction appeal, drug supply)
- ***Towney v R*** [2025] NSWCCA 166 (conviction & sentence appeal, attempted murder)
- ***DPP (Cth) v Ingram*** (2025) 117 NSWLR 485; [2025] NSWCCA 103 (Crown interlocutory appeal, statutory construction)
- ***Kapua v R*** [2023] NSWCCA 14 (offender sentence appeal, fraud)

Appeals for the Crown - unled

- ***Ma v R*** [2026] NSWCCA 46 (offender sentence appeal, drug importation)
- ***SH v R*** [2026] NSWCCA 35 (offender sentence appeal, child exploitation)
- ***Hadid v R; Singh v R*** [2025] NSWCCA 207 (offender sentence appeals, drug importation)
- ***Yarmohammadi v R*** [2025] NSWCCA 161 (offender sentence appeal, drug importation)
- ***Veale v R*** [2022] NSWCCA 154 (offender sentence appeal, child exploitation)
- ***Bisiker v R*** [2022] NSWCCA 110 (offender sentence appeal, child exploitation)
- ***Spinks v DPP (Cth)*** [2021] NSWCCA 308 (offender sentence appeal, drug importation)
- ***Urdanegui v R*** [2021] NSWCCA 170 (offender sentence appeal, drug importation)
- ***Nicolas v R*** [2021] NSWCCA 89 (offender sentence appeal, drug importation)
- ***Huggett v R*** [2021] NSWCCA 62 (offender sentence appeal, child exploitation)
- ***Hong v R*** [2020] NSWCCA 228 (offender sentence appeal, drug importation)
- ***Taumoepeau v R; Siaki v R*** [2020] NSWCCA 200 (offender sentence appeals, drug importation)
- ***Abel v R*** [2020] NSWCCA 82 (offender sentence appeal, drug supply and money laundering)
- ***Robinson v R*** [2020] NSWCCA 41 (offender sentence appeal, fraud)
- ***Yin v R*** [2019] NSWCCA 217 (offender sentence appeal, drug importation)
- ***Martin v R*** [2019] NSWCCA 197 (offender sentence appeal, child exploitation)
- ***Udovcic v R*** [2019] NSWCCA 196 (offender sentence appeal, incompetence of counsel)

Appeals for the Crown - led

- ***Tenenboim v R*** [2024] NSWCCA 1 (offender sentence appeal, drug importation, led by O'Donnell SC)
- ***Issakidis v The Queen*** [2020] HCASL 121 (conviction appeal, improper pressure on jury, led by McHugh SC)
- ***Issakidis v R*** [2019] NSWCCA 302 (conviction appeal, tax fraud, led by McHugh SC);
- ***Castagna v R; Agius v R*** [2019] NSWCCA 114 (conviction appeal, tax fraud & money laundering, led by McDonald SC)
- ***Agius v R*** [2015] NSWCCA 200 (conviction appeal, tax fraud, led by Neil SC);
- ***Liles v R (Cth)*** [2014] NSWCCA 289 (offender sentence appeal, tax fraud, led by Neil SC)
- ***Milne v The Queen*** (2014) 252 CLR 149; [2014] HCA 4 (conviction appeal, money laundering, led by Game SC & Jordan SC)

Trials and sentences for the accused/offender – unled

- ***R v Tammineni*** (unreported, NSWDC, Kumar DCJ, 22 May 2026) (money laundering)
- ***R v Furtado-Semedo*** (unreported, NSWDC, C Smith DCJ, 8 May 2026) (drug importation)
- ***Prothonotary of the Supreme Court of New South Wales v Ibrahim*** [2023] NSWSC 1275 (contempt)
- ***R v Foster*** [2022] NSWDC 467 (bank SMS scam)
- ***R v Yahaiya*** (unreported, NSWDC, Hoy DCJ, 30 January 2020) (money laundering)
- ***R v TD*** (unreported, NSWDC, English DCJ, 19 June 2015) (solicit to murder)

Trials and sentences for the Crown - 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 4)*** [2026] NSWLEC 42 (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)
- ***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 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 Miao*** (2016) 23 DCLR(NSW) 89 (possession of child abuse material)

Trials and sentences for the accused/offender - led

- ***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)

Trials and sentences for the Crown - 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 (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 → ***R v Dickson; R v Issakidis (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

- ***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 Mallesons)**

  Between 2003 and 2006, Adam worked in the Sydney office of Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now 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, 2015 –
- Bar Exam marker, February 2026 & June 2026 criminal law papers.

Publications

- McGrath A. (2026, May). 'Delhi hosts global prosecutors' push to end people trafficking'. Bar News: Journal of the NSW Bar Association, 56.
- McGrath A. (2025, December). 'Appointment of Justice Paul McGuire'. Bar News: Journal of the NSW Bar Association, 85.
- McGrath A. (2022, January). 'Married Couple sentenced in Australia for breach of Iran sanctions'. *IAP* [International Association of Prosecutors] *News*, 83, 10-11.

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