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### **Recent Cases**

### Taxation & Revenue

Citation	Subject Matter	Description	Instructor
Australia Investment Group	Legal professional privilege and	Interlocutory hearing in ART	Brown Wright Stein
Holdings Pty Ltd v Commissioner of	waiver of privilege	appearing for taxpayer and led by E	
Taxation [2025] ARTA 1185		Kovacs. Successful in seeking	
		access to 91 documents over which	
		the Commissioner claimed legal	
		professional privilege attached.	
Zhou and Commissioner of	Default assessment	Unled for the Commissioner of	Australian Taxation Office
Taxation (Taxation)		Taxation. Judgment reserved.	
HWFX and Commissioner of	Default assessment	Unled for the Commissioner of	Australian Taxation Office
Taxation (Taxation) [2025] ARTA		Taxation. All decisions under	
680		review affirmed.	

# Commercial and Equity

Citation	Subject Matter	Description	Instructor
Sahin v Sahin (NSWSC, judgment reserved)	Proprietary estoppel; unconscionable conduct; Contracts Review Act; non est factum	Unled for plaintiffs (against Senior Counsel)	H+A Legal
Garrity v Competitive Foods Australia Pty Ltd [2025] NSWSC 1433	Discovery; costs	Unled.	Competitive Foods Australia
AHG (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes Benz Australia Pty Ltd [2025] FCAFC 86	Franchising; contract; unconscionable conduct	Appeal before Full Federal Court. Acted for appellants; led by N Hutley SC (with T Castle SC, C Parkinson KC, T Bagley, A Elizabeth).	HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
Michael Buckley t/as Pebble Consulting v Splend Pty Ltd NSWLC (unreported, 2024)	Contract	Appeared unled for plaintiff.	Piper Alderman
In the matter of 1derful Pty Limited (No 2) [2024] NSWSC 1414	Breach of fiduciary duty; declarations	Led by E Walker.	Teneo Corporate Lawyers
In the matter of 1derful Pty Limited [2024] NSWSC 1414	Fiduciary duties, statutory unconscionability and conspiracy.	Led by E Walker.	Teneo Corporate Lawyers
In the matter of Iderful Pty Limited [2024] NSWSC 1278	Disqualification, bias	Led by E Walker.	Teneo Corporate Lawyers
Lindfield NSW Pty Ltd v Netdeen Pty Ltd t/as G.J. Gardner Homes (No 3) [2024] NSWSC 1305	Franchising; contract; unconscionable conduct	Successfully acted for plaintiff; judgment for \$20 million. Led by T Castle SC (with D Levi).	Addisons

# Family, criminal law, and other

Citation	Subject Matter	Description	Instructor
Galip & Galip (No 8) [2025] FEDCFAMC1F 518	Section 79; appointment of receiver and manager	Unled.	Origin Lawyers
Menon v R; Onley v R (2025) 117 NSWLR 136; [2025] NSWCCA 56	Application for request to sheriff for investigation of potential juror	Led by R Johnson	Kingston Fox
	impropriety pursuant to s 73A of Jury Act 1977		

#### **Select Cases (as a solicitor)**

### Banking, Insolvency and Commercial

- AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd [2023] FCA 1022. Franchising; unconscionable conduct under s 21 of the Australian Consumer Law. Instructed T Castle SC (and others).
- WFM Motors Pty Limited v Bar M Pty Limited [2022] NSWSC 1500. Guarantee; unjust contracts; unconscionable conduct. Instructed P Jammy.
- In the matter of Bryve Resources Pty Ltd [2022] NSWSC 647. Breaches of duties under s 180 and 181 of the Corporations Act 2001; voidable transactions. Instructed D Krochmalik.

#### Taxation and debt recovery

- Widdup v Deputy Commissioner of Taxation [2023] FCAFC 145. Leave to appeal interlocutory order; allegation of material non-disclosure upon ex parte application for freezing order. Instructed E Bishop SC and T Arnold.
- Banner and Cody (No 2) [2023] FedCFamC1F 345. Property settlement; recovery of unpaid taxation liabilities; lien over fruits of litigation. Instructed E Kovacs.
- Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Widdup (No 2) [2023] FCA 377. Freezing order; family trust distribution tax. Instructed E Bishop SC and T Russell.
- Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Miraki [2022] FCAFC 96. Leave to appeal; freezing orders and Real Property Act 1900. Instructed E Collins SC and D Ward.