

Robert accepts briefs in all areas of law, to advise and appear throughout Australia and abroad. His principal areas of practice are commercial, public law, tax and white-collar crime disputes. He has particular expertise in arbitration, as counsel and tribunal secretary.

Before the Bar, Robert was a solicitor at Clayton Utz, and Slaughter and May in London, with a broad disputes and investigations practice. In both Australia and the United Kingdom he has acted for financial institutions, governments, pharmaceutical and medical device companies, manufacturers and companies in the resources sector, as well as individuals.

Previously, he was Tribunal Secretary to Professor Doug Jones AO, international arbitrator.

Formerly, he was tipstaff to the Hon. Justice P A Bergin AO, Chief Judge in Equity.

Robert holds degrees from the University of Cambridge and the University of Sydney.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

May 2022 - present	<b>Barrister</b>
Aug. 2018 – Mar. 2022	<b>Slaughter and May</b> Associate: Disputes and Investigations
Mar. 2014 – Sept. 2017	<b>Clayton Utz</b> Solicitor: Litigation and International Arbitration
Jan. 2013 – Mar. 2014	<b>Supreme Court of New South Wales</b> Tipstaff to Hon. Justice P A Bergin AO, Chief Judge in Equity and to Acting Justices W V Windeyer AM, P W Young AO and W H Nicholas

**EDUCATION**

2018	<b>University of Cambridge</b> Master of Corporate Law (First Class Honours) Prizes: Hogan Lovells Prize for first in course Allen & Overy prize for first in International Financial Law ( <i>aeq.</i> ) Jesus College Scholarship Jesus College Prize for Master of Corporate Law
2012	<b>University of Sydney</b> Bachelor of Law (First Class Honours)
2011	<b>University of Sydney</b> Bachelor of Arts (Latin and Government)

## **ADMISSIONS**

May 2022	Barrister, New South Wales
July 2020	Solicitor, England and Wales
July 2013	Solicitor, New South Wales

## **PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS**

- (1) With D. S. Jones, 'Memorials and Witness Statements: The Need for Reform' (2022) 88 *Arbitration: The International Journal of Arbitration, Mediation and Dispute Management* 339.
- (2) 'The Blessings of Liberty' (2022) 24 *Ecclesiastical Law Journal* 258.
- (3) 'No oral modification clauses' (2018) 92 *Australian Law Journal* 434.
- (4) 'Apprehended bias in international litigation' (2018) 92 *Australian Law Journal* 171.
- (5) With G. J. Williams, 'Liability of planning authorities for motor vehicle accidents' (2016) 13 *Australian Civil Liability* 28.
- (6) 'Silent enim leges inter arma? A History of Martial and Military Law in Australia', Forbes Lecture, Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History, NSW Bar Common Room, 19 November 2014.
- (7) 'Wills: Rectification' (2014) 88 *Australian Law Journal* 718.
- (8) 'Fiduciaries and Constructive Trusts: *FHR v Mankarious*' (2014) 88 *Australian Law Journal* 311.

## SELECTED CASES (SOLICITOR)

### Commercial

<i>Advinia Care Homes Ltd v Bupa Care Homes Investments (Holdings) Limited</i> [2020] EWHC 1563 (Ch) and [2020] EWHC 3607 (Ch)	Share sale dispute.
<i>Pedro Santana SA v British American Tobacco (Singapore) Ltd</i> (Unreported, High Court of Singapore, 3 July 2020)	First recorded instance in Singapore of letters rogatory being set aside.
<i>Kazal v Thunder Studios Inc (California)</i> (2017) 256 FCR 90	Contempt proceedings for breach of injunction.

### White collar crime

Serious Fraud Office (England) investigation into British American Tobacco	Bribery and corruption investigation.
<i>British American Tobacco v Benikes</i> (Commercial Court, London)	Recovery of bribes.
ICAC Investigation into the NSW Rural Fire Service (Operation Vika)	Bribery and corruption investigation of two NSW RFS employees.
<i>NSW Rural Fire Service v Hacking</i> (Supreme Court of NSW)	Recovery of benefits received by former NSW RFS employee.

### Public law and tax

<i>Vitol Aviation UK Ltd v HM Revenue and Customs</i> [2021] UKFTT 353 (TC)	Corporations and diverted profits tax dispute.
<i>R (Medical Defence Union) v Health Secretary</i> (Administrative Court, London)	Judicial review of decision to implement a state-funded indemnity scheme for GPs.
<i>Shoebridge v NSW Rural Fire Service</i> (NCAT)	GIPA [freedom of information] application.

### Other

<i>NSW Rural Fire Service v Safework NSW</i> [2016] NSWIRComm 4	Health and safety representatives dispute.
<i>French v Fraser (No. 3)</i> [2015] NSWSC 1807	Defamation.