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Vahan is a highly regarded Senior Counsel with a practice focused on complex commercial litigation. He has particular expertise in corporations law, equity, insolvency, and disputes involving contractual, trade practices and real property matters.

With 25 years of experience at the Bar, including five years as Senior Counsel, Vahan brings substantial expertise in managing large-scale, multi-party, high-value disputes. He is recognised for his leadership in major litigation and is frequently briefed in lengthy and complex trials and multi-day appeals involving extensive documentary evidence. Vahan's practice encompasses proceedings before the Supreme Court of New South Wales, the New South Wales Court of Appeal, the Federal Court of Australia, and the Full Federal Court. He has also appeared in the High Court of Australia and the family law jurisdiction.

Vahan is valued for his meticulous preparation, strategic insight, and commitment to achieving efficient and effective outcomes. His approach to advocacy is precise and disciplined, and is characterised by clarity and brevity in both written and oral submissions. Vahan is also adept at distilling complex legal and factual issues into clear, persuasive arguments that advance his clients' interests and promote cost-effective solutions. Vahan holds a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) and a Bachelor of Economics (with Honours) from the University of Sydney.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2020 Appointed Senior Counsel
- 2000 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1998 Bachelor of Laws (Honours): University of Sydney
- 1996 Bachelor of Economics (Honours): University of Sydney

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

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| ▪ Appellate | ▪ Land Law |
| ▪ Bankruptcy and Insolvency | ▪ Professional Negligence |
| ▪ Commercial | ▪ Property Law |
| ▪ Conflict of Laws | ▪ Trade Practices |
| ▪ Corporations Law | ▪ Trusts |
| ▪ Equity | |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 – present Senior Counsel: Wardell Chambers
- 2000 – 2023 Senior Counsel (including Head of Chambers) and Barrister:
Edmund Barton Chambers

SELECT MATTERS

Lin v Chu [\[2025\] FCAFC 130](#): appeared for only successful appellant in multi-appellant, multi-party appeal heard over 4 days.

Monarch Advisory Group Pty Ltd v Puxty (No 4) (2025) 340 IR 291; [\[2025\] FCA 534](#): appeared for respondents in 3-day employment contract dispute; issues concerning quantification of loss of opportunity damages.

Re Gerringong Storage Pty Ltd [\[2025\] NSWSC 302](#): appeared for defendant in respect of oppression suit; 4-plus day hearing including disputed issues regarding real property valuation.

Zeaiter v Zeaiter (2025) 172 ACSR 195; [\[2025\] NSWSC 60](#): appeared for successful defendant in contractual dispute arising from parties' separation of interests in valuable construction business; 8-day hearing involving legal and factual issues, including concerning authenticity of signatures. Order for indemnity costs obtained in favour of client: *Zeaiter v Zeaiter (No 2)* [\[2025\] NSWSC 156](#).

Bavulo Pty Ltd v Zhang Property Pty Ltd [\[2025\] NSWCA 9](#): appeared for respondent to appeal concerning specific performance of land sale contract.

Boyes v Thomson [\[2024\] NSWSC 1325](#): appeared for defendant to claim for damages for tort of nuisance.

Carbone v Fowler Homes Pty Ltd [\[2024\] NSWCA 192](#) and [\[2024\] NSWCA 214](#): appeared for respondent to appeal concerning breach of building contracts and damages for delay.

Chu v Lin, Gold Stone Capital Pty Ltd [\[2024\] FCA 766](#): appeared for one of multiple defendants during 14-day hearing concerning alleged breaches of director duties and fiduciary duties. Client was only successful defendant.

Schwanke v Alexakis; Camilleri v Alexakis (2024) 114 NSWLR 459; [\[2024\] NSWCA 118](#): appeared for one of multiple appellants in 3-day appeal concerning whether equitable principles of unconscionable conduct or undue influence available in probate in respect of testamentary gifts in respect of estate worth over \$30 million.

Muffet v Qantas Superannuation Ltd [\[2024\] FCA 39](#): appeared for appellant in appeal against decision by Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) regarding calculation of superannuation benefits.

Chou v Metstech Pty Ltd (2023) 178 IPR 406; [\[2023\] FCAFC 205](#): appeared for one of multiple appellants in 3-day appeal concerning issues of copyright, including as to the ownership of copyright in the designs of electronic components, and tortious conspiracy.

Soulos v Pagones [2023] NSWCA 243: appeared at 3-day appeal hearing on behalf of executors of estate worth over \$30 million in relation to multiple applications under the *Succession Act 2006* (NSW). First instance proceedings comprised a 3-week hearing (*Re Estate Soulos* [2022] NSWSC 1507).

Bellas v Powers [2023] NSWSC 1198: appeared for lenders in relation to loan and mortgage dispute (including arguments concerning penalties).

Gleeson (Trustee) v Soong [2023] FedCFamC2G 819: appeared for trustee in bankruptcy concerning claim to real property and proper construction of time-period calculations under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth).

Alexakis v Masters (No 2) [2023] NSWSC 509: appeared at 2-week hearing for beneficiary under will in respect of estate worth over \$30 million, including allegations of unconscionable conduct against recipient of primary benefits under will.

Metstech Pty Ltd v Park (2022) 165 ACSR 1; (2022) 171 IPR 298: appeared at 3-week hearing for defendant in respect of shareholder dispute, including allegations of tortious conspiracy, oppressive conduct of affairs of company, and ownership of intellectual property associated with the design of communications networks for underground mining.

Hibbitt v Ziade [2022] NSWSC 904: appeared for beneficiary raising issues as to the proper construction of a significant gift under a will.

Murdoch v Mudgee Dolomite & Lime Pty Ltd (in liq) [2022] NSWCA 12; (2022) 398 ALR 658: appeared at 2-day appeal for shareholder and director involved in dispute with co-shareholder and co-director regarding breaches of directors duties and fiduciary duties. First instance proceedings comprised a 3-week hearing (*Mudgee Dolomite & Lime Pty Ltd v Murdoch* [2020] NSWSC 1510).

Osei v PK Simpson Pty Ltd (2022) 106 NSWLR 458; [2022] NSWCA 13: appeared for appellant in respect of issue concerning the proper construction of the (NSW) *Legal Profession Uniform Law Application Act 2014*, in particular the scope of the limitation upon recovery of costs in professional negligence claims emanating from personal injury litigation.

MacDonald v Yakiti Pty Ltd (2021) 152 ACSR 284; [2021] NSWCA 114: appeared for respondent at appeal concerning claims of unconscionable conduct in commercial context.

Good Living Co Pty Ltd atf Warren Duncan Trust No 3 v Kingsmede Pty Ltd (2021) 284 FCR 424; (2021) 159 ACSR 56; [2021] FCAFC 33: appeared for appellants on appeal concerning whether exercise of legal rights under bank guarantee given in support of lease agreement was unconscionable.

Broadway Plaza Investments Pty Ltd v Broadway Plaza Pty Ltd [2020] NSWSC 1778: appeared at 6-week hearing on behalf of developer of commercial properties in significant multi-party commercial dispute regarding alleged breaches of duties and claims for restitution in respect of monies paid for a \$70 million development.

Gongsun and Paling (2020) 61 Fam LR 488; [2020] FamCAFC 244: appeared for appellant at appeal to the Full Court of the Family Court of Australia from the Supreme Court of New South Wales in respect of gifts between de facto partners and principles of unconscionable conduct and undue influence.

Lianos v Order of AHEPA NSW Inc [2020] NSWCA 193: appeared at 2-day appeal concerning proper construction of rules of unincorporated association and issues concerning conduct of meetings of association. First instance proceedings comprised a 3-day hearing (Re AHEPA NSW Inc [2020] NSWSC 138).

Gao v Perry [2020] NSWCA 15: appeared for appellant on interlocutory application in New South Wales Court of Appeal concerning proper construction and application of cross-vesting legislation as it applies to appeals in which issues of federal law arise by notice of contention.

LSKF Holdings Pty Ltd v Shield Limestone Holdings Pty Ltd (2018) 128 ACSR 542; [2018] NSWCA 129: appeared for appellant on appeal concerning whether contractual consideration adequate or illusory in circumstances where question arose as to whether director's obligation to perform task comprising consideration was an unfettered discretion.

Morris Finance Ltd v Free (2017) 18 BPR 37,223; [2017] NSWSC 1417: appeared for lender in proceedings concerning proper construction and enforcement of equitable charge, including in context of bankruptcy.

Chamberlain Early Learning Centre Pty Ltd v Precious 1 Pty Ltd as trustee for 4 Chamberlain Holdings Family Trust (2017) 18 BPR 36,895; [2017] NSWSC 189: appeared for plaintiff in dispute between tenant and landlord, including complex arguments concerning equitable set-off as between rental obligations and choses in action.

Cushman & Wakefield (NSW) Pty Ltd v Farrell [2017] NSWCA 24: appeared for appellant on appeal concerning issues of construction and interpretation of employment contract and calculation of monies payable upon termination.

Re Waterfront Investments Group Pty Ltd (in liq) (2015) 105 ACSR 280; [2015] NSWSC 18: appeared for defendants in respect of claims by liquidator concerning directors duties, fiduciary duties and uncommercial transactions.

Arnautovic & Sutherland t/as Jirsch Sutherland & Co v Cvitanovic (as trustee for the bankrupt estate of Adrian Lawrence Rosee) (2011) 199 FCR 1: appeared for trustee in bankruptcy in proceedings involving issues concerning the creation and enforcement of equitable charges under unstamped instruments and their proper construction.

Master Education Services Pty Ltd v Ketchell [2008] HCA 38; (2008) 249 ALR 44; (2008) 82 ALJR 1322: appeared (led by Newlands SC) for the appellant on appeal concerning proper construction of *Franchising Code of Conduct* and remedial provisions of *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth). Appeared without a leader for the applicant upon the Application for Special Leave to Appeal.

Mead v Mead [2007] HCA 25; (2007) 235 ALR 197; (2007) 81 ALJR 1185; (2007) 36 FamLR 608: appeared (led by Fagan SC) for appellant on appeal concerning finding of contempt in Family Law proceedings. Appeared without a leader for the applicant upon the Application for Special Leave to Appeal.