

# WILLIAM P CALOKERINOS, BARRISTER - Two Wentworth Chambers

## Admitted to the NSW Bar:

13 April 2010

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# Barrister, Chartered Tax Adviser, Chartered Accountant CA

- Mr Calokerinos accepts instructions from Solicitors both in practice and inhouse Counsel. A practising barrister since the year 2010, Mr Calokerinos has practised from the same Chambers since being admitted. Mr Calokerinos is a floor member and owns Chambers in Two Wentworth Chambers.
- Mr Calokerinos prides himself on his attention to detail in all his
  professional work. In his early career, Mr Calokerinos spent around six
  years working in management and director reporting roles as a senior
  management accountant in the telecommunication industry (Vodafone and
  Macquarie Telecom) prior to his experience working in the Big Four in tax
  consulting.
- As a Barrister, Mr Calokerinos currently practices in both criminal and civil
  jurisdictions. Mr Calokerinos has significant expertise in the following areas
  of law: tax law advisory and litigation, commercial advisory and litigation,

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commercial leasing advisory and litigation, corporate insolvency advisory and litigation, bankruptcy advisory and litigation, criminal law litigation (serious complex crime and indictable criminal matters), planning and environmental advisory and litigation and building and construction, advisory and litigation.

- 4. Mr Calokerinos is constantly maintaining his tax knowledge and he is a current CTA (Chartered Tax Adviser) member with the Tax Institute of Australia and a full member and Chartered Accountant (CA) with CAANZ. Mr Calokerinos is also a lecturer and teacher with the Tax Institute in the CTA3 GST program.
- Mr Calokerinos is a current casual academic at UTS Law School teaching Construction Law (Bachelor of Laws) in the LLB Subject 76043 and a former casual academic in the LLB Program at Western Sydney University.
- 6. Mr Calokerinos is a long-standing member of the Master Builders Association with a Cert IV in Building and Diploma of Building.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 7. NSW Bar Association, Victorian Bar Association, Tax Bar Association, Criminal Bar Association and Australian Bar Association.
- 8. The Tax Institute (CTA Member).
- 9. Chartered Accountant CA ANZ full member.
- Master Builders Association member and former Councilor (Inner West) also Completed CERT IV in building and Diploma of Building.
- 11. Legal Aid NSW: Summary Crime, Children Crime, Serious Crime, and Indictable Crime.
- 12. Society of Construction Law Australia (Barrister, Member)
- 13. Commonwealth CDPP external junior Counsel Panel.



## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS and COMMITTEES

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association.
- Member, Victorian Bar Association.
- Member, Australian Bar Association.
- Member, Tax Bar Association (Victoria).
- · Member, Criminal Bar Association (Victoria).
- Member, a Chartered Accountant (CA) and fully qualified member of CA ANZ.
- Member, Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA) with the Tax Institute.
- Member, Australian Society of Construction Law.
- Member, the Master Builders Association (NSW) with a Cert IV in Building and Diploma of Building.
- Member, The Hellenic Australian Lawyers Association (HAL).
- Member, NSW Bar Association Costs Committee and Legal Aid Committee, 2023-2024;

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

- BCOM Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Wollongong
- LLB (Hons) a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) from the University of Technology
- LLM (Uni of Sydney) Master of Laws from the University of Sydney.



## **SELECT CASES**

## **CIVIL**

## A: Select Bankruptcy Matters / Debt recovery matters

- (1) Large number of **creditors petitions** in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia **Bankruptcy** acting for various creditors in Creditors' Petitions Bankruptcy (including inter alia):
  - a. Narellan Pools v Webb & Ors 2014 contested Federal Circuit Bankruptcy matter successfully acted for the creditors as the debtors tried to resist petition.
  - b. Grant Owen Talbot v Campbells Cash and Carry Pty Limited ACN 003 336 399 (appeared unled) opposing application to set aside bankruptcy notice Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

## **B:** Select Land and Environment Court Matters

- (2) Numerous land and environment court matters (including inter alia):
  - a. *EZRA 1 PTY LTD v Bayside Council* (2020), Land and Environment Court, Sydney (appeared unled) Court Hearing Class 1, DA Application Appeal.
  - b. Holroyd City Council v National Auto Dismantlers Pty Ltd [2017] NSWLEC 66 Land and Environment Court.
  - c. Captain Developments Pty Ltd v Wingecarribee Shire Council (2023) Land and Environment Court. Court Hearing Class 1, DA Application Appeal.
  - d. 8 Squared Architects Pty Ltd Land v Sutherland Shire Council (2023) Land and Environment Court. Court Hearing Class 1, DA Application Appeal.

#### B: Select Building, Construction and Strata Law Matters

- (3) Select building dispute matters (including inter alia):
  - a. *Cincotta v Russo* [2019] NSWSC 272 Supreme Court of NSW Building Dispute matter successfully acting for the Homeowners, Mr and Mrs Cincotta.
  - b. Access Housing Pty Ltd v Rayfield [2018] NSWSC 599 Supreme Court of NSW Building Dispute successfully acting for the Homeowners, Mr and Mrs Rayfield.



- c. Rehman v F&F Smart Homes Pty Ltd [2023] NSWCATCD 12 Building Dispute successfully acting for the Builder.
- d. Rehman v F&F Smart Homes Pty Ltd (costs) [2023] NSWCATCD 56 successfully acting for the Builder.
- (4) Select strata matters (including inter alia):
  - a. Owners SP 96729 v Novati Constructions PL & Ors [2021] NSWCATCD.
- (5) Large number of NCAT Building dispute matters in the Commercial Division of the NCAT (including inter alia):
  - a. Rehman v F&F Smart Homes Pty Ltd [2023] NSWCATCD 12
  - b. Rehman v F&F Smart Homes Pty Ltd (costs) [2022] NSWCATCD
  - c. DSA Building Pty Limited vs George & Kay Geronikos & Ors Building Dispute (NCAT Appeal Panel Home Building Act matter).

#### C: Commercial, Property and Corporate Law Matters

- (6) Numerous commercial and property matters:
  - a. Erinfen Pty Limited v Mardam Hospitality Pty Limited t/as Chicken & Sons Supreme Court of NSW Injunctive relief.
  - b. *Gabriele v Gabriele* Supreme Court of NSW Equity Division Section 66G application.
  - c. Charub Pty Ltd v Chris Triandafyllou & Ors 2018/00395918 mortgage matter before Davies J.
  - d. *Blackmore v Blackmore* (appeared unled) Supreme Court of NSW Equity Division Section 66G application.
  - e. *Manildra Park Pty Limited v Chandra Alavelu & Ors* (2012) Local Court Of NSW Civil Hearing contested dispute successful Plaintiff action 14 April 2023

## D: Select Taxation Law Matters

(7) Mr Calokerinos is regularly briefed to advise on Part IVC Litigation and tax technical matters for solicitors.



- (8) Mr Calokerinos is regularly briefed to draft tax objections on behalf of taxpayers.
- (9) Mr Calokerinos regularly provides taxation advice to select clients.
- (10) Numerous taxation litigation matters (including inter alia):
  - a. Commissioner of Taxation v Michael Bacich 2015/00071678 section 8C(1)(a) of the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth).
  - b. *Tagget v McLean Austquip Pty Limited* [2014] NSWSC 1310 Supreme Court of NSW Contractual Dispute matter.
  - Tagget v Commissioner of Taxation (includes Corrigendum dated 16 September 2010) [2010] FCAFC 109 (8 September 2010) - (appeared, led by Mr Ben DeBuse of Counsel) – Tax Appeal matter.

## E: Debt recovery on behalf of deceased's estate - the Estate of George Sclavos:

- (11) Yesilhat v Calokerinos [2021] NSWCA 110 Court of Appeal acting with Mr Michael Evans of Counsel on behalf of the Executor Respondent to successfully dismiss the misconceived Yesilhat Appeal case 2017 to 2021.
- (12) Calokerinos, Executor of the Estate of the late George Sclavos v Yesilhat; Yesilhat v Calokerinos, Executor of the Estate of the late George Sclavos [2017] NSWSC 666 Supreme Court of NSW acting with Mr Michael Evans of Counsel on behalf of the Executor 2013 to 2016 Executor successful in debt/trust proceedings and successful in dismissing the fabricated Yesilhat de facto case.

See SMH Publication: Former policeman who made up same-sex relationship found guilty of fraud - 31 May 2023

https://www.smh.com.au/national/former-policeman-who-made-up-same-sex-relationship-found-guilty-of-fraud-20210531-p57wge.html

#### **SELECT CRIMINAL LAW MATTERS**

F: Select Criminal Law Matters - Indictable Matters - Jury Trials (acting pursuant to a grant of legal aid)

Mr Calokerinos has appeared in large number of Local Court criminal hearings in both the



Local Court of NSW and the NSW Childrens Court, briefed by Legal Aid NSW.

Numerous indictable criminal law matters in the District Court of NSW – these matters are prosecuted by the ODPP.

Selection of criminal jury trials acting for the Accused:

- a. R v Zheng Jury Trial Indicatable Matter District Court of NSW 2023 heard by Judge Pickering SC;
- Baker SC co-accused Verdict by Acquittal proceedings successful for the accused.
- c. *R v Whitehead* District Court of NSW - Sentence hearing in May 2023 Judge Turnbull Historical Sexual Assault.
- d. R v Bamforth District Court of NSW - R v Bamforth; R v Bamforth [2024] NSWDC 45
- e. R v Rowling District Court of NSW 2024 to 2025

## **SELECT PUBLIC LAW MATTERS**

- (13)**Federal Court of Australia** Junior Counsel, led by Dr Jason Donnelly, Barrister, in the following matters:
  - a. 2023 GKYW v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs No VID785/2022
  - b. 2023 JVGD v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs No NSD841/2022
  - c. 2023 VID641/2022 RPQB v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs