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Lachlan joined Chambers in 2025, having begun practice in 2018 in Australia. He practises across Chambers' core areas.

Before coming to the Bar, Lachlan worked as a NSW-qualified debt capital markets solicitor at A&O Shearman in London and at KWM in Sydney. He focused on sovereign bonds and corporate hybrid securities.

Lachlan graduated with a dual Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) / Bachelor of Actuarial Science degree from Bond University in 2017. He was valedictorian for business and law and the highest-achieving law graduate in his cohort, receiving the John F Kearney Gold Medal in Law.

While working at A&O Shearman, Lachlan read for the BCL at Jesus College, Oxford, graduating with a Distinction and the Law Faculty Prize for Commercial Remedies.

## Recent Highlights

Assisting with the defence of certain insurers in multi-billion pound claims brought by aircraft lessors in significant Commercial Court proceedings (during pupillage).

Assisting with research in the defence of a \$100 million+ claim under English and foreign law arising from the alleged breach of a prime brokerage agreement (during pupillage).

Assisting with the defence of an AIM-listed issuer in proceedings relating to the validity of a "drag-along" acquisition transaction and related allegations against the company's founder and CEO (during pupillage).

Assisting with research on sovereign immunity in the defence of a claim against a sovereign for enforcement of an arbitral award against a property in London (during pupillage).

Assisting with research for the defence of a claim for enforcement of parts of a US judgment for \$700 million

(during pupillage).

## Expertise

### Administrative & Public Law

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#### Notable Administrative & Public Law cases

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Assisting with the drafting of summary grounds of defence in support of the responsible licensing authority in a claim seeking judicial review of a decision to revoke various pilot licences following a significant air disaster (during pupillage).

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Assisting with the drafting of particulars of a bank's claim for an indemnity under the Land Registration Act 2002 following removal of its interest from the register (during pupillage).

### Aviation & Travel

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### Banking & Finance

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#### Notable Banking & Finance cases

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Assisting with the drafting of advice on limitation issues in the context of claims alleging the misselling of PPI products (during pupillage).

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Assisting with the drafting of a defence in Circuit Commercial Court proceedings arising out of allegedly unauthorised payments made out of a bank account (during pupillage).

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Assisting with research in the defence of claims for alleged breaches of the *Quincecare* duty brought in proceedings in Gibraltar (during pupillage).

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Assisting with research in the defence of a US\$100 million+ claim under English and foreign law arising from the alleged breach of a prime brokerage agreement (during pupillage).

## Civil Fraud

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### Notable Civil Fraud cases

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Assisting with research in the defence of an AIM-listed issuer in proceedings relating to the validity of a “drag-along” acquisition transaction and related allegations against the company’s founder and CEO (during pupillage).

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Assisting with Commercial Court asset recovery proceedings relating to the alleged misappropriation of shares with a value of €80 million (during pupillage).

## Commercial Disputes

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### Notable Commercial Disputes cases

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Assisting with research in complex LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning the enforceability of certain arrangements alleged to constitute damages-based agreements under s 58AA of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (during pupillage).

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Assisting with the drafting of a defence in Commercial Court proceedings concerning termination rights under a commercial contract (during pupillage).

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Assisting with research on sovereign immunity in the defence of a claim against a sovereign for enforcement of an arbitral award against a property in London (during pupillage).

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Assisting with Commercial Court asset recovery proceedings relating to the alleged misappropriation of shares with a value of EUR €80 million (during pupillage).

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Assisting with advice in relation to the discharge and release of a personal guarantee following the sale of a principal debtor company (during pupillage).

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Assisting with research for the defence of a claim for enforcement of parts of a US judgment for US\$700 million (during pupillage).

#### London

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Assisting with research in a multi-billion dollar auditors' negligence claim arising from an alleged fraud (during pupillage).

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Assisting with the drafting of a defence in Circuit Commercial Court proceedings in relation to sums purportedly due under a contract for the supply of foodstuffs (during pupillage).

## Company, Restructuring & Insolvency

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### Notable Company, Restructuring & Insolvency cases

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Assisting with the defence of an AIM-listed issuer in proceedings relating to the validity of a "drag-along" acquisition transaction and related allegations against the company's founder and CEO (during pupillage).

## Financial Services

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### Notable Financial Services cases

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Assisting with the drafting of advice on limitation issues in the context of claims alleging the misselling of PPI products (during pupillage).

## Insurance & Reinsurance

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Assisting with the drafting of a statement of defence in confidential LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning a claim under a W&I policy arising from the alleged breach of financial reporting warranties in a share sale agreement (during pupillage).

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Assisting with the defence of an application for summary judgment in Commercial Court proceedings arising out of a manufacturer's claim for indemnity under a commercial combined policy (during pupillage).

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Assisting with advice to a reinsurer in respect of a claim brought under a terrorism, sabotage, strikes, riots, civil commotion and malicious damage insurance policy (during pupillage).

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Assisting with the defence of certain insurers in multi-billion pound claims brought by aircraft lessors in significant Commercial Court proceedings (during pupillage).



## International Arbitration

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### Notable International Arbitration cases

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Assisting with the drafting of written submissions in ad-hoc arbitration proceedings concerning the purported discharge of a debt by exercise of a put option (during pupillage).

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Assisting with research in complex LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning the enforceability of certain arrangements alleged to constitute damages-based agreements under s 58AA of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 (during pupillage).

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Assisting with the drafting of a statement of defence in confidential LCIA arbitration proceedings concerning a claim under a W&I policy arising from the alleged breach of financial reporting warranties in a share sale agreement (during pupillage).

## Professional Discipline

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### Notable Professional Discipline cases

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Assisting with advice to a statutory professional body on its obligations in connection with the maintenance of the relevant professional register (during pupillage).

## Professional Negligence

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### Notable Professional Negligence cases

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Assisting with research in a multi-billion dollar auditors' negligence claim arising from an alleged fraud (during pupillage).

## Education

- Bachelor of Civil Law (Dist), Jesus College, University of Oxford (2023)
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) / Bachelor of Actuarial Science, Bond University (2017)

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## International Bar / Court Appointments

- Admitted in the Supreme Court of New South Wales (2018)
- Admitted as a Solicitor in the High Court of Australia (2019).

## Appointments, Memberships and Prizes

- Associate (NSW qualified), A&O Shearman, London (2020 – 2024)
- Law Graduate / Solicitor, King & Wood Mallesons, Sydney (2018 – 2020)
- Law Faculty Prize for Commercial Remedies, University of Oxford (2023)
- John F Kearney Gold Medal in Law and valedictorian for business and law, first in class in 19 subjects, Bond University (2017)
- Neil Kaplan Award for Best Oral Advocate, Willem C Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot, Hong Kong (2015)
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship, Bond University (2014).

## Publications

- ICSIDious: The Uneasy Relationship Between Sovereign Bonds and Investment Arbitration (2018, International Trade and Business Law Review).

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