

ALISTAIR OAKES

Barrister

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Practice areas

I have a broad practice, focusing on general commercial litigation, administrative & public law and corporations & insolvency law.

I also accept briefs in regulatory investigations & compliance, consumer law, inquests & commissions, sports law and military & disciplinary law.

Before coming to the Bar, I worked as an Associate at Allens, focussing on large-scale commercial litigation in the Supreme Court of New South Wales and Federal Court of Australia. While at Allens, I also spent time in banking and finance, where I worked on various project and corporate finance arrangements. From 2016 to 2019, I was a legal officer in the Royal Australian Navy, where I served as a legal adviser to the Commander of the Australian Fleet, and lectured in administrative law, international law, operational law and military discipline. I remain an active member of the Naval Reserve.

Professional

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| 2019–present | Barrister, New South Wales Bar <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>8 Wentworth Chambers</i>- <i>Read at Fifth Floor, St James Hall with Craig Lenehan SC and Daniel Tynan</i> |
| 2019–present | Legal Officer, Royal Australian Navy (Naval Reserve) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>New South Wales Naval Reserve Legal Panel</i> |
| 2016–2019 | Legal Officer, Royal Australian Navy (Permanent Navy) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Full-time service as a commissioned legal officer in the Royal Australian Navy.</i>- <i>This involved diverse legal work including advising the Commander of the Australian Fleet and various other levels of Command, participating in operational exercises and lecturing in administrative law, international law, operational law and military discipline.</i> |
| 2013–2016 | Associate, Allens (Sydney) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Focused on large-scale commercial litigation as well as regulatory investigations and schemes of arrangement as an Associate in the Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group.</i>- <i>Included experience in insolvency, employment law and banking & finance law.</i> |

Education and admissions

- 2019 Called to the Bar
- 2019 Graduate Certificate of Military Law, Australian National University
- 2016 Commissioned as Lieutenant, Royal Australian Navy
- *Royal Australian Naval College Prize for best overall performer at Initial Officer Training (2016)*
 - *Training Commander's Award for Dux of Naval Officer Leadership Course Phase One (2017)*
- 2013 Admitted as a lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2013 Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), University of Sydney
- *Exchange to University of Virginia Law School (2012)*
 - *Student Editor, Sydney Law Review (2012)*
 - *Semi-finalist, Australian National Rounds, Phillip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (2012)*
- 2011 Bachelor of Commerce (Economics), University of Sydney
- *Exchange to Lunds Universitet, Sweden (2010)*
 - *Scholarship with Distinction for All Round Excellence (2008–2010)*

Articles

“‘Circumstances giving rise’ to a claim: When is a creditor not a creditor?’ (2012) 30 *Companies and Securities Law Journal* 3 at 188

‘Civilians on the Water: Distinction in Attacks on Merchant Vessels’, *The Law of Naval Warfare* (Lexis Nexis, 2019)

Other

Ad hoc clerk, Court of Arbitration for Sport

- *As an ad hoc clerk in the Court's original and appellate jurisdictions, I have assisted arbitrators in a range of doping arbitrations including the Essendon Football Club doping appeal (2015) and the Russian Anti-Doping Authority appeal (2020). Ad hoc clerks perform a role similar to a Judge's associate.*

Sydney Hockey Association Judiciary and Investigation Committee