

CURRICULUM VITAE – LAWSON JEPPI

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- Dual Australian/UK citizen admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales and England & Wales
- Over 20 years' post-admission experience including at leading international firms Slaughter and May (London Magic Circle) and King & Wood Mallesons (Australia)
- Exceptional academics – First Class Honours law degree, University of Oxford, UK

August 2024-date – independent legal practice

- Acting for celebrated property agents **Steven Chen** and **Ben Collier** <https://www.afr.com/street-talk/eastern-suburbs-real-estate-stars-asx-listed-agency-vets-m-and-a-interest-20260804-p60ldo> and property agent to the Prime Minister of Australia **Shad Hassen** <https://theagency.com.au/post/431/prime-minister-albanese-s-house-up-for-grabs-7news> on strategic options in relation to the non-binding, conditional takeover/merger proposal for The Agency Group Australia Ltd by Aura Group Holdings
- Acting for management shareholders of **Cloudstaff Holdings** on sale of Cloudstaff Holdings to Engelmann Capital opposite Ashurst ADT Law Singapore and Mills Oakley - <https://www.phcc.gov.ph/resource-details/pcc-clears-engelmann-s-acquisition-of-cloudstaff>
- Acting for **Indigo Venture Capital Partners** on successful DOCA deed of company arrangement proposal for Innovative Pet Products after successful defence of creditor's statutory demand in Queensland Supreme Court and contested substitution of administrator
- Acting in relation to the taking of security over portions of a matrimonial estate valued at c.A\$80m in the context of longstanding actively litigated and widely reported matrimonial proceedings per *Aitken v Aitken* [2023] FedCFamC1A
- Acting for **James Warburton** (former CEO of Seven West Media Limited and V8 Supercars) in relation to appointment as chairman of XT Ventures - <https://www.afr.com/street-talk/james-warburton-joins-hcf-backed-sportstech-vc-raise-in-the-offing-20241013-p5khvr>
- Acting for substantial local property investors **Orazio Camuglia** - <https://www.ppglobal.com.au/news/the-man-behind-the-coogee-castle-eyes-85m-for-rose-bay-waterfront-afr> and **Jason Camuglia** - <https://www.domain.com.au/news/investor-buys-neighbours-houses-tries-to-flip-them-for-23m-25m-1365119/> on a variety of real estate matters including dispute in relation to property valued at A\$85m

August 2015 – July 2024 – Atanaskovic Hartnell

(Law firm founded by John Atanaskovic, Rupert Murdoch's solicitor and the legendary late Tony Hartnell AM, inaugural chairman of the national Australian securities regulator

<https://www.afr.com/companies/professional-services/vale-tony-hartnell-first-asic-chairman-and-murdoch-lawyer-20260807-p60mba>)

- Acting for subsidiary of **Seven West Media Limited** in three-year dispute with **Cricket Australia** over media rights agreement, including extensive rebuttal of COVID-19 force majeure notices, initiating expert determination leading to material payment rebate, successful preliminary discovery proceedings and substantive proceedings for breach in the

Federal Court of Australia leading to widely praised commercial settlement -
<https://www.afr.com/chanticleer/seven-scores-big-in-cricket-deal-20230102-p5c9x1>

- Acting for **Australian Container Freight Services** in relation to intervention in A\$9bn **Asciano Limited** scheme of arrangement, one of the biggest by value in Australian history supported by practically every bulge bracket investment bank and law firm in Australia, for breach of joint venture agreement leading to commercial settlement -
<https://www.afr.com/markets/equity-markets/court-hears-acfs-lawsuit-as-asciano-deal-closure-pushed-out-to-august-20160531-gp819c>
- Acting for **Ares SSG** (Ares having A\$24bn assets under management) in complex Supreme Court of NSW action against the **Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal (WICET)** (a terminal supported by a A\$4bn financing from a syndicate all of the big four Australian lenders and by Glencore and Yancoal) for recovery of unpaid dividends leading to commercial settlement -
<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/dataroom/battle-of-wiggins-island-in-court/news-story/932c9a2667ce4c11f2e4387552a1bd32>
- Acting for consortium including **Lachlan Murdoch's** Illyria in:
 - Deed of Company Arrangement bid for **Network Ten Pty Limited** -
<https://www.afr.com/companies/media-and-marketing/bruce-gordon-lachlan-murdoch-to-lob-new-bid-for-network-ten-20170915-gyi35d>; and
 - entirely novel litigation concerning the constitution of classes in a Deed of Company Arrangement [*In the Matter of Ten Network Holdings Limited (Administrators Appointed) (Receivers and Managers Appointed) and Others* [2017] NSWSC 1247]
- Acting for entities controlled by billionaire **Bruce Gordon** in relation to:
 - complex cash-settled equity swaps for shares in **Nine Entertainment Co. Holdings Limited**;
 - long-term multi-million dollar broadcast affiliation agreement with **Network Ten**;
 - entirely novel internet streaming litigation pursued to NSW Court of Appeal against **Nine Network Australia** [*WIN Corporation Pty Ltd v Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd* [2016] NSWCA 297 and *WIN Corporation Pty Ltd v Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd* [2016] NSWSC 523]; and
 - acquisition of Northern Rivers commercial television network from **Southern Cross Media**
- Acting for billionaire **Clive Palmer** in defence of proceedings initiated by ASIC against Mineralogy Pty Ltd
- Acting in relation to debt collection ultimately settled against **Nick Bolton**, including defending set-aside proceedings in District Court of NSW and in NSW Supreme Court (both dismissed with costs awarded against Mr. Bolton) and proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia
<https://www.afr.com/rear-window/nick-bolton-loses-fees-battle-with-john-atanaskovic-20240714-p5jtiq>

November 2011 to August 2013 – King & Wood Mallesons (Australia)

September 1999 – October 2011 Roles in leading international law firms including Trainee, Associate then Senior Associate at **Slaughter and May**, London's elite Magic Circle law firm