

SHANAKA JAYASURIYA

Called to the Bar in 2016, Shanaka accepts briefs in all areas of the law, and has worked alongside highly regarded Senior Counsel and barristers in complex litigation.

Shanaka has acquired considerable international experience, both academically and as a solicitor in Sydney and London. Commencing his legal career as a trainee solicitor at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in London, he practised in the financial services, corporate, litigation and employment departments, and was seconded to the competition law practice group of the firm's office in Brussels. The combination of both litigation and advisory experience at this Magic Circle law firm, as well as a further secondment to a major multi-national corporation to assist with its compliance with the *Bribery Act*, has served to bolster Shanaka's legal and commercial acumen.

Upon his return to Australia, Shanaka gained valuable legal experience as Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice McColl AO of the New South Wales Court of Appeal and to the Honourable Justice Robb of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Transitioning to private practice as a solicitor in the commercial disputes group at Henry Davis York, Shanaka later advised and acted in a broad range of commercial matters, including defending proceedings commenced by the ACCC alleging anti-competitive conduct, defending a breach of copyright allegation in a music publishing dispute, acting for a public authority in an inquest, and assisting in the conduct of a prosecution on behalf of a regulatory authority.

Shanaka holds a Bachelor of Civil Law (with Distinction) and a Bachelor of Law (with First Class Honours) from the University of Oxford, prior to which he was School Captain and Dux at The King's School.

ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2016 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales
- 2014 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2012 Admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2013 Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction): University of Oxford, England
 - 2009 Bachelor of Arts in Law (First Class Honours): University of Oxford, England
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – present Reader, 7 Wentworth Selborne Chambers
- 2015 – 2016 Solicitor, Henry Davis York (Commercial Disputes Group), Sydney
- 2014 Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice McColl AO, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2013 Tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Robb, Supreme Court of New South Wales
- 2010 – 2012 Trainee Solicitor, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, London

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association