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Jay maintains a unique domestic and international law practice. With an avid interest in national law and its interaction with human rights, he possesses specialist expertise in acting for Australian citizens who require legal representation in overseas jurisdictions. He is particularly interested in the transnational nature of crimes and their relation to evidence in both domestic and foreign courts.

Jay is highly skilled across a broad range of practice areas including international law, constitutional law, criminal law, administrative law, commercial law, environment and local government, immigration, human rights and discrimination and native title law. He regularly represents both plaintiffs and defendants, individuals and companies and professional bodies and corporations in the Federal Court of Australia, Federal Circuit Court and Supreme, District and Local Courts of New South Wales. He has appeared in several appeals in the High Court of Australia, and his international practice has seen him represent clients in Colombia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Vietnam, where indictable offences have been alleged, such as drug trafficking and terror charges. He has also represented refugees detained at the Nauru RPC.

Jay has been involved in several test cases before the High Court of Australia, various public policy research projects and has authored several publications regarding a broad range of topical international issues in leading peer-reviewed journals, including the International Journal of Human Rights. He has also delivered papers at both national and international conferences.

Jay holds a Master of Laws and Legal Practice, majoring in human rights, international law and the environment from the University of Technology, Sydney, as well as a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Political Science and International Relations, from the University of Melbourne.

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### ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2012 Admitted to the High Court of Australia
- 2012 Admitted to the Bar of New South Wales
- 2011 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2011 Master of Laws and Legal Practice (Major in Human Rights, International Law and the Environment): University of Technology, Sydney
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## PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Administrative Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law and Proceeds of Crime
- Commercial Law, Corporations and Trade Practices
- Environment, Local Government
- Immigration, Human Rights Law and Discrimination
- International Law
- Native Title

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012 Barrister, Frederick Jordan Chambers

## ACCOLADES

- The Fagar Award for International Environmental Law: Outstanding Achievement - 2010
- The Thomson/Reuters Award for Indigenous People and the Law: Outstanding Achievement - 2010

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association

## PUBLICATIONS

- *The International Campaign To Prohibit Child Soldiers - A Study on the Disarmament, Demobilisation and Rehabilitation of Child Soldiers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo:* (2011) 15 (7) International Journal of Human Rights, 1072-1090
- *The Impact of Climate Change on Indigenous People – The Implications for the Cultural, Spiritual, Economic and Legal Rights of Indigenous People:* (2012) 16(4) International Journal of Human Rights, 648-688
- *The Right to Life and the ICCPR – Can Member States Reintroduce the Death Sentence After It Has Been Abolished?:* (2013) International Journal of Human Rights – Publication date pending
- *Ecocide – The Fifth Geneva Convention and the Establishment of an International Court for the Environment – A Critical Examination of the Protection of the Environment During Armed Conflict:* (2013) International Journal of Human Rights – Publication date pending
- *The Violation of the Procedural and Substantive Rights of People with Disabilities – Case Studies by the Redfern Legal Centre for the UN Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities:* (2010) Redfern Legal Centre

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Anti Terror Laws – Dual Citizenship and the Case of John Zakariiev and the Bulgarian Supreme Court:* paper and presentation at the Legal Eagles, Criminal Law Conference 2016, Varenna on Lake Como, Italy - 2017
- *The Nauru 10 and the Habeas Corpus Challenge in the Nauru Supreme Court:* Paper and Presentation at the “Victims of the System” - Criminal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory, 14th Biennial Conference - 2013

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## SELECT CASES

### High Court of Australia

- *Plaintiff S195/2016 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection*, Application to Show Cause and Writ of Habeas Corpus on behalf of a refugee detained at Manus Island Regional Processing Centre, PNG, lead by Tom Molomby SC
- *Plaintiff CPCF v Minister for Immigration & Anor*, - Application to Show Cause, Writ of Habeas Corpus on behalf of 153 Tamil Returnees detained on Australian Border Protection Vessel on the high seas, lead by Ron Merkel QC
- *Plaintiff S99 of 2014 v Minister for Immigration (Cth) & Ors* – Application to Show Cause and Writ of Habeas Corpus, on behalf of 900 refugees at the Manus Island RPC, PNG, lead by Ron Merkel QC
- *Plaintiff S156 v Minister Immigration and Border Protection*, Application to Show Cause and Writ of Habeas Corpus, on behalf of a refugee at the Manus Island RPC, PNG, lead by Mark Robinson SC

### International Matters

- *Prosecutor v Cassandra Sainsbury*, Supreme Court of Colombia, drug trafficking - 2017
- *Prosecutor v Zakhariyev*, Supreme Court of Bulgaria, terror charges
- *Prosecutor v Tirris*, Supreme Court of Hungary, drug trafficking
- *The Socialist Republic of Vietnam v NAJJ*, Australian facing criminal charges of trafficking 3.4 kilograms of heroin, death sentence matter before the Supreme Peoples Court of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam led Julian McMahon - 2016
- *JHB & Ors v Secretary of Justice of the Republic of Nauru & Ors*, Supreme Court of Nauru, Application to Show Cause and Writ of Habeas Corpus on behalf of 1500 refugees detained at the Nauru RPC, led by Julian Burnside QC - 2015
- *AG & Ors v Secretary of Justice of the Republic of Nauru*, Supreme Court of Nauru, Application to Show Cause and Writ of Habeas Corpus, on behalf of 1500 refugees detained at the Nauru RPC led by Julian Burnside QC - 2014