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ADMISSIONS

Barrister, New South Wales Bar	2023
Solicitor, England and Wales	2022
Solicitor, New South Wales	2015

EDUCATION

Oxford University , Master of Public Policy (Distinction) Oxford School of Government, Public Service Scholar	2020
Harvard Law School , Master of Laws Fulbright Scholarship Rotary Global Grant Scholarship Dean's Scholar Prize	2019
University of New South Wales , Bachelor of Arts (Hons, First Class) Major in International Relations Arts and Social Sciences Dean's List for Academic Excellence 2013 Arts and Social Sciences Dean's List for Academic Excellence 2012	2014
University of New South Wales , Bachelor of Laws (Hons, First Class) Dean's List for Academic Achievement, International Criminal Law (2013) Dean's List for Academic Achievement, International Human Rights Law and Advocacy (2013) Dean's List for Academic Achievement, Advanced Criminal Law (2012) Semi-finalists, World Human Rights Moot Competition, South Africa (2013) Semi-finalists, International Criminal Moot Court Competition (2013) Award for Best Written Memorial, International Criminal Moot Court Competition (2013)	2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Barrister , Maurice Byers Chambers	2023 - present
Solicitor & Solicitor Advocate Legal Aid NSW, Coronial Inquest Unit	2022-2023
Private Secretary to the Attorney General and Solicitor General Attorney General's Office, United Kingdom	2021-2022

Solicitor The Aboriginal Legal Service, NSW/ACT	March - August 2018, June-September 2019
Associate to the Hon. Justice Perry Federal Court of Australia	2017-2018
Solicitor Coronial Inquest Unit, Legal Aid NSW	2016-2017
Solicitor, Human Rights Fellow Human Rights Team, Legal Aid NSW	2015-2016

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & TEACHING

Lecturer, Criminal Laws University of New South Wales	2023
Academic Researcher Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, UK	October 2020-March 2021
Bonavero Institute Student Fellowship The Public Law Project, London, UK	June – October 2020
Student Editor, Black Letter Law Journal Harvard Law School	2018-2019

VOLUNTEER POSITION & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Co-Founder, Director, RREAL Sydney, NSW	2013 - Present
Youth off the Streets, 'Good Vibes' Snowboarding Camp Thredbo, NSW	2013 - Present
Student Attorney, Harvard Defenders Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA	2018-2019
Student Attorney, Harvard Prisoner's Legal Assistance Project Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA	2018-2019
Pro Bono Intern, Civil Rights Corps Pulaski, Tennessee, USA	2019
Volunteer Solicitor Redfern Legal Centre, Sydney, NSW	2017-2018

Director, Launchpad
Sydney, NSW

2017

Legal and Policy Intern
Nyamba Buru Yawuru, Broome, WA

2014

SELECTED MATTERS

Inquest into the death of Todd McKenzie (as solicitor advocate) – coronial inquest into the police shooting of Mr Todd McKenzie, appearing on behalf of Mr McKenzie’s father.

Inquest into the death of LT (2019/146621); *Inquest into the death of KT* (2019/126969) (as solicitor advocate) coronial inquests into the deaths in custody of two brothers, for KT and LT’s family.

Inquest into the death of William Epere (2019/10495) – (as solicitor advocate) coronial inquest into the death in custody of Mr Billy Epere, appearing on behalf of Mr Epere’s partner and children.

Inquest into the death of Brenden Montgomery (2020/3733) (as instructing solicitor) – coronial inquest into the death of Mr Montgomery during a police operation, appearing on behalf of Mr Montgomery’s mother.

Inquest into the death of Kerry-Ellen (Nikki) Knight (2021/64779) (as instructing solicitor) – coronial inquest into the death in custody of Ms Knight, appearing on behalf of Ms Knight’s sister.

Inquest into the deaths arising from the Lindt Café Siege (2016) (as instructing solicitor) on behalf of family members of Mr Tori Johnson.

PUBLICATIONS & CONFERENCES

(As guest/contributor) ‘Prison Reform, what is it good for?’, Oxford Policy Pod, Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University, 30 December 2020.

McManus P, ‘An Australian New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australia’, draft conference paper circulated at the *Australia Forum*, University of Oxford, 2 May 2020.

Mabus E, McManus P and Benger D (Co-producers) ‘Legal Lens: Prison Reform’, (Short documentary film) published by *The Boston Globe*, November 2019.

Mabus E, McManus P and Benger D, ‘Veterans and the Criminal Justice System: Opinion’ *The Boston Globe*, November 18 2019.

McManus P, ‘Enemies of mankind or just no powerful friends left? What International Relations can teach us about International Criminal Law’ (2016) 17(5) *International Criminal Law Review* 1-23.

McManus P, ‘Ending Impunity in a Westphalian World’ (Paper presented at the Australian International Criminal Law Seminar, ANU, October 17 2015).

McManus P, ‘Internships in Native Title Law, Student’s Experience as an Aurora Intern’, (2014) 9 *Indigenous Law Bulletin* 11, 6.