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SUMMARY

I am an Associate at Clifford Chance. I was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia in June 2018, and have over six years of dispute resolution experience.

ASSOCIATE AT CLIFFORD CHANCE

MAR 2019 - PRESENT

LITIGATION AND REGULATORY EXPERIENCE

- **Lead Associate** advising an **oil & gas super major** in relation to its contentious exit from a JV in relation to a proposed nine figure LNG project on the East coast of Australia. In particular, my role involved analysing and advising the company on its legal position pursuant to Australian law, studying the personality and temperament of the counter party iron ore magnate, designing the exit negotiation strategy, and drafting the ultimate share sale agreement and deeds of settlement.
- **Discovery Associate** acting for **Herbert Smith Freehills** in relation to defending a nine figure claim for alleged professional negligence arising out of the collapse of the Arrium Group of companies. In particular, my role involved managing a team of 17 paralegals, three junior lawyers, and two technical support staff full-time for a period of three months in relation to reviewing 55,000 documents in response to 32 discovery categories, masking all confidential and personal sensitive data, and providing the client with weekly updates for each of the seven production tranches.
- **Lead Associate** acting for a **prominent Australian wine maker** with revenue of eight figures p.a. to China in relation to an investigation launched by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM) into Australia's wine making industry. In particular, my role involved analysing and advising the company on its legal position in accordance with WTO law and MOFCOM regulations, drafting appeals to MOFCOM, and coordinating the response to MOFCOM questionnaires.
- **Liability Associate** acting for the **Chairman of Forge Group Ltd** in relation to a directors duty claim brought against the directors arising out of the collapse of the ASX 200 company. In particular, my role involved drafting the Chairman's defense in the case.

COMMERCIAL AND ISDS ARBITRATION EXPERIENCE

- **Lead Associate** acting for **Sundance Resources Ltd** in relation to a ten-figure claim against the Republic of Cameroon and the Republic of the Congo concerning the expropriation of the large scale Mbalam-Nabeba iron ore project. In particular, my role involved bringing in the client and negotiating the litigation financing for the claim, and currently involves oversight of the liability and quantum workstreams (under counsel supervision), developing and implementing the case strategy, and liaising with the Tribunal, experts, witnesses, and the litigation funder.
- **Quantum Associate** acting for **Tantalum International Ltd** and **Emerge Gaming Ltd** in relation to a nine-figure claim brought against the Arab Republic of Egypt in relation to the expropriation of a large tantalum mine. In particular, my role involves working with experts to model the likely value of the mine, and the likely award value to the client should they ultimately be successful on liability, and advising the client in relation to the same.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

TRAINEE SOLICITOR AT CC

MAR 2017 - MAR 2019

- **Projects:** assisted in drafting and negotiating a wide range of agreements, from term sheets to deeds of settlement, including JVs, SPAs, GSAs, GTAs, general supply agreements etc.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** assisted in drafting the defense in relation to an alleged failure to comply with continuous disclosure requirements.
- **Asset Finance:** took carriage of certain work streams on multiple nine figure deals (essentially just actioning 200+ emails a day).
- **Arbitration:** assisted in drafting multiple pleadings, with oral advocacy and experience limited to academic presentations.

CLERK AT BENNETT AND CO

JAN 2015 - DEC 2016

- Worked two days a week in my final two years of law school, **drafting 3-4 legal research memos a day** on particular points of law.
- In 2015 I also assisted in getting the **Taxis v Uber** mandamus case up for trial and in 2016 I assisted in drafting the statement of claim in relation to the **Lloyd Rayney defamation** case.

EDUCATION

2010 - 2016

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Bachelor of Laws and Commerce

- Majored in Corporate and Commercial Law, and Corporate and Investment Finance.
- Student Editor of the UWA Law Review, and Careers Representative for the UWA Law Students' Society.

2005 - 2009

HALE SCHOOL

High School Certificate

- Studied physics, calculus, applied mathematics, chemistry, and English literature in matric.
- Earned honours in academics, debating, rugby, and water polo.

LANGUAGES

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- **English** (fluent)
 - **Mandarin** (intermediate)
 - **French** (basic)