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## **BARRISTER – 2 WENTWORTH CHAMBERS -**

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### **April 2010 – Current:**

Mr Calokerinos read with Mr Reno Gambi from 2 Wentworth Chambers (civil) and Mr David Carroll (crime) from Maurice Byers Chambers in his readship year in 2010.

Mr Calokerinos has practiced from 2 Wentworth Chambers since being admitted.

(See website: <http://2wentworth.com.au/william-p-calokerinos/>)

### **Background**

Mr Calokerinos prides himself on his attention to detail with all his professional work.

In his early career, Mr Calokerinos spent around six years working in management and director reporting roles as a senior management accountant in the telecommunication industry (Vodafone and Macquarie Telecom) and thereafter he gained experience working in the Big Four tax consulting divisions.

Mr Calokerinos's junior years at the NSW Bar included extensive experience in corporate insolvency (Supreme Court of NSW) and bankruptcy law in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia. Since then, Mr Calokerinos has had significant experience in tax law, property law, building and construction litigation, criminal law (legal aid panel), succession law (equity) and defamation law.

Mr Calokerinos is also:

- A qualified commercial mediator and maintains his commercial mediation practice (see website: <https://www.wentworthmediations.com/>)
- A casual academic at Western Sydney University in the LLB program.

### **Main Practice Areas, Experience and Skills:**

#### **(1) Building, Planning, Insolvency, Property and Construction matters – in Supreme Court of NSW, Land and Environment Court of NSW and NCAT:**

- All forms of litigation, mediation, arbitration, reference hearings and expert determination
- Complex construction and engineering disputes, including domestic and cross-border disputes in the context of litigation:
  - Commercial contracts disputes
  - Commercial leasing disputes
  - Complex litigation
  - Alternative dispute resolution
  - Franchising disputes
  - Trust disputes
  - Joint venture and partnership disputes
  - Arbitration and mediation
  - Misleading and deceptive conduct claims
  - Shareholder disputes
  - Equity
  - Corporations Act issues
  - Corporate administration in liquidation matters
  - Insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings
  - Debt collection
  - Risk management
- Home Building Act and residential building issues

- Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act (SOPA)
- Adjudication proceedings and related processes throughout Australia
- Work Health and Safety issues
- Owners Corporation disputes and defect claims
- Developing strategies and providing advice for property developers that ensure the reasonable and appropriate allocation of risk in construction and infrastructure contracts;
- Advising on issues relating to: design defects; change in law risk; delay; adequate scope of works; statutory compliance; credit risk; liquidated damages; late completion; insurance; and defects rectification;
- Acting in Planning Disputes and advising therein – Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

## **(2) Taxation Matters in the AAT / Federal Court of Australia:**

- Provided expert legal advice and expert legal representation in relation to:
  - Tax rulings and determinations
  - Tax audits, interviews and voluntary disclosures
  - Tax reviews and objections
  - Tax appeals and related matters in AAT jurisdiction and the Federal Court of Australia jurisdiction;
  - Tax fraud (crime) and evasion matters;
  - Tax disputes with the ATO and with the OSR;
  - Tribunal (AAT) and court representation (Federal Court of Australia) –
- Mr Calokerinos is a current CTA (Chartered Tax Adviser) member with the Tax Institute of Australia and full member and Chartered Accountant (CA) with CAANZ.
- See Tax Bar Association website:  
<https://www.taxbar.asn.au/MembersDatabase/William-Calokerinos>

**(3) Criminal Law in Local Court / District Court Jurisdiction:**

- A strong criminal trial practice in the Local Court of NSW and the District Court of New South Wales;
- Tax prosecution and criminal matters;
- Legal Aid panel member (General Panel).

**(4) Succession Law and Property Law matters in Equity Jurisdiction of Supreme Court of NSW:**

- Several section 66G of the *Conveyancing Act* 1919 (NSW) matters;
- Several Wills, Estate and Probate matters in the Supreme Court of NSW;

**(5) Defamation matters**

- District Court of NSW and Supreme Court of NSW;
- Federal Court of Australia

**SELECT CIVIL CASES - HEARINGS**

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- (1) Land and Environment Court, Sydney - (appeared unled) – *EZRA 1 PTY LTD v Bayside Council* (2020) before Acting Commissioner S Morris, Court Hearing – Class 1, DA Application Appeal.
- (2) *Cincotta v Russo* [2019] NSWSC 272 – (appeared unled) – Supreme Court of NSW – Building Dispute matter.
- (3) *Access Housing Pty Ltd v Rayfield* [2018] NSWSC 599 - (appeared unled) – Supreme Court of NSW – Building Dispute – unled.
- (4) *Tu v Chang (No. 2)* [2018] NSWDC 316 (29 October 2018) - (appeared unled) – District Court of NSW – Defamation Matter

- (5) *Holroyd City Council v National Auto Dismantlers Pty Ltd* [2017] NSWLEC 66 - (appeared unled) – Land and Environment Court
- (6) *Tagget v McLean Austquip Pty Limited* [2014] NSWSC 1310 - (appeared unled) – Supreme Court of NSW – Contractual Dispute
- (7) *Tagget v Commissioner of Taxation (includes Corrigendum dated 16 September 2010)* [2010] FCAFC 109 (8 September 2010) - (appeared, led by Mr Ben DeBuse of Counsel) – Tax Appeal matter.
- (8) *Charub Pty Ltd v Chris Triandafyllou & Ors - 2018/00395918* - (appeared unled) – mortgage matter before Davies J.
- (9) Land and Environment Court, Sydney - (appeared unled) – *Holroyd City Council v National Auto Dismantlers Pty Ltd* - [2017] NSWLEC 66 - Class 4 matter.
- (10) *Blackmore v Blackmore* - (appeared unled) – Supreme Court of NSW - Equity Division - Section 66G application.
- (11) *Erinfen Pty Limited v Mardam Hospitality Pty Limited t/as Chicken & Sons* (appeared unled) – Supreme Court of NSW - Injunctive relief.
- (12) *Manildra Park Pty Limited v Chandra Alavelu & Ors* (2012) (appeared unled) – Local Court Of NSW Civil Hearing contested dispute.
- (13) *Grant Owen Talbot v Campbells Cash and Carry Pty Limited ACN 003 336 399* - (appeared unled) – opposing application to set aside bankruptcy notice - Federal Circuit Court of Australia
- (14) *DSA Building Pty Limited vs George & Kay Geronikos & Ors* - Building Dispute (NCAT Appeal – Home Building Act matter) - (appeared unled).
- (15) *Narellan Pools v Webb & Ors* – (appeared unled) - contested Federal Circuit Bankruptcy matter - debtors tried to resist petition.
- (16) *Gabriele v Gabriele* - (appeared unled) – Supreme Court of NSW - Equity Division - Section 66G application.

- (17) Land and Environment Court, Sydney - (appeared unled) – *Shoalhaven City v Bachar Dib* - Class 5 matter.
- (18) *Commissioner of Taxation v Michael Bacich* - 2015/00071678 - (appeared unled) – section 8C(1)(a) of the Taxation Administration Act 1953 (Cth).
- (19) Corporation Act 2001 (Cth) matter - Application to wind-up and reinstate company – *In the matter of: Abdul & Sons Co Pty Limited A.C.N. 095 631 940* - (appeared unled) – Supreme Court of NSW

## PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES

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- Mr Calokerinos has published professionally for the Tax Institute and is also a regular presenter for LegalWise Seminars. **Website:** <http://2wentworth.com.au/elegal/>
- Mr Calokerinos is a current member of the following professional committees:
  - Tax Institute Education Committee;
  - Tax Institute Membership Committee;
  - Master Builders Association Councilor for the Western Sydney Region

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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### July 2015 – Current: Western Sydney University

- A part-time lecturer (casual academic) at Western Sydney University in a number of law subjects and has taught at the law school since July 2015 in the following subjects: –
  - Equity and Trusts;
  - Property Law;

- Contract Law,
- Commercial Transactions,
- Professional Legal Ethics and
- Introduction to Law.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **2006 to 2009 – Tax Consulting: Big Four Firms – Deloitte and KPMG**

- 1. January 2008 – January 2009: Consultant – KPMG – (12 months) - Consultant - Corporate Tax Division of KPMG**
  - Provided written opinions, written advices and tax compliance services in the Corporate Tax Environment.
  - Advised on and assisted with the running of internal training sessions on Corporate Tax, Tax Consolidation and other areas of tax affecting the corporate clients.
  
- 2. June 2006 – December 2007: Analyst – Deloitte - Indirect Tax Division of Deloitte (GST Team)**
  - Provided written opinions, written advices and GST tax compliance services in the GST Team.
  - Assisted with the GST DTect Project that was being run by Deloitte at the time.
  - Advised on and assisted with the running of internal training sessions on GST and other indirect taxes.
  
- 3. May 2001 – June 2002: Senior Management Accountant – Macquarie Telecom – (13 Months) – Telecommunication Industry**
  - Reported directly to the Finance Director and CFO, I assisted with decision making, efficiency and driving the business forward.

I used initiative to go outside the square to add value. The main duties involved are listed but not limited to:

- Budget and forecast reporting.
- Analysed management reports to provide recommendations and advice.
- Profit and loss reporting and commentary.
- Assessed and analysed company expenditures.
- Identified and assisted in process improvements.
- Provided analysis and commentary of findings to both senior finance and non-finance business stakeholders.
- Cost analysis.

**4. January 1997 – May 2001: Senior Management Accountant –  
Vodafone Australia – (4 years and 5 Months) –  
Telecommunication Industry**

- Reported directly to the Finance Director and Financial Planning Manager, I assisted with decision making, efficiency and driving the business forward. I used initiative to go outside the square to add value.
- The main duties involved are listed but not limited to:
  - Budget and forecast reporting.
  - Analysed management reports to provide recommendations and advice.
  - Profit and loss reporting and commentary.
  - Assessed and analysed company expenditures.
  - Identified and assisted in process improvements.
  - Provided analysis and commentary of findings to both senior finance and non-finance business stakeholders.
  - Cost analysis.

## **TERTIARY EDUCATION**

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- 1992 – 1996: Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Business Systems) University of Wollongong.
- 2002 – 2006: Bachelor of Laws, University of Technology, Sydney – LLB (Hons) – **honours degree**.
- 2007 – 2012: Master of Laws, University of Sydney – LLM.