

**WILLIAM P CALOKERINOS, BARRISTER - Two Wentworth  
Chambers**

**Admitted to the NSW Bar:**

13 April 2010

**Admitted to the Legal Profession:**

25 August 2006

**Background**

Mr Calokerinos spent his early career working in management accounting roles in the telecommunication industry and in tax consulting roles within the Big Four accounting firms. His background is in commerce and he is also a Chartered Accountant (CA) and Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA).

**Barrister - 2 Wentworth Chambers – 13 April 2010 to date -**

Mr Calokerinos has practices in both civil law and criminal law.

Mr Calokerinos prides himself on his attention to detail with all his professional work. Since his call in 2010 to the NSW Bar, he has significant expertise in bankruptcy and debt recovery matters (corporate insolvency), land and environment court matters, building and construction and strata matters, commercial, property and corporate matters, taxation law matters, and criminal law matters (specialising in the running of jury trials).

Mr Calokerinos maintains a taxation practice in the AAT litigation jurisdiction acting for solicitors on instructions for private taxpayers against the Commissioner of Taxation. He is briefed to advise on Part IVC Litigation on technical matters for solicitors on instructions from private taxpayers against the Commissioner of Taxation.

Mr Calokerinos has built a trial practice in the District Court of New South Wales and continues to enjoy conducting a large variety of criminal law matters to final hearing. He appears in jury trials across a range of areas within the criminal law jurisdiction.

Mr Calokerinos regularly presents papers at legal conferences and he also serves on professional leadership committees relevant to his practice areas.

Mr Calokerinos currently lectures part-time for UTS Law school in the LLB program in the subject Construction Law. He also acts as a mentor to university students at the UTS law school to assist law students successfully transition to a working career in the law.

Mr Calokerinos currently works as a consultant for the Tax Institute (TIA) assisting the TIA present, write and mark, their education programs (CTA 3 Program in GST Law).

### **Personal**

Mr Calokerinos is married and enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf, playing tennis and spending time at Sailing Clubs in Sydney.

He is a long-time supporter of the Sydney Roosters NRL Club.

### **Tertiary Qualifications**

- Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Wollongong
- LLB (Hons) – a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) from the University of Technology

- LLM (Uni of Sydney) – Master of Laws from the University of Sydney.

### **Other relevant knowledge, skills, and experience**

- Mr Calokerinos is constantly maintaining his knowledge and participates within several discussion groups within the Tax Institute of Australia and the Chartered Accountants CAANZ.
- Mr Calokerinos has presented numerous seminars for the Tax Institute including the Tax Summit 2020 and the Tax Summit 2023.
- Mr Calokerinos completed the 2019 Advanced Trial Advocacy Course (Civil Law) run by the Australian Bar Association in Melbourne.
- Mr Calokerinos has presented and written papers for LegalWise Seminars - Building and Construction law (architecture and design session); Commercial Leasing Seminar relating to commercial leasing disputes and litigation.
- Mr Calokerinos is a former elected Councilor with the Master Builders Association (NSW) – 2019 to 2022 and attends various divisions of the Master Builders Association.
- Mr Calokerinos has completed a CERT IV in building and a diploma of building and maintains an active interest in the industry.

### **Panel and Committee Appointments**

- Mr Calokerinos is presently appointed to the NSW Legal Aid Criminal law panels - Indictable, Complex, Children and Summary Criminal Law Panels.
- Mr Calokerinos is presently appointed to the Commonwealth CDPP external junior Counsel Panel.

- Mr Calokerinos is presently appointed to the NSW Bar Association Legal Aid and Costs Committee (2023/2024).

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- Member, New South Wales Bar Association.
- Member, Victorian Bar Association.
- Member, Australian Bar Association.
- Member, Tax Bar Association (Victoria).
- Member, Criminal Bar Association (Victoria).
- Member, a Chartered Accountant (**CA**) and fully qualified member of CA ANZ.
- Member, Chartered Tax Adviser (**CTA**) with the Tax Institute.
- Member, Australian Society of Construction Law.
- Member, the Master Builders Association (NSW) with a Cert IV in Building and Diploma of Building.
- Member, The Hellenic Australian Lawyers Association (HAL).

## SELECT CASES – HEARINGS – 2010 TO 2023

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### CIVIL

#### [A: Bankruptcy Matters / Debt recovery matters](#)

- (1) Large number of creditors petitions in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia - Bankruptcy - acting for various creditors in Creditors' Petitions – Bankruptcy (including inter alia):
  - a. *Narellan Pools v Webb & Ors* – 2014 - contested Federal Circuit Bankruptcy matter – successfully acted for the

creditors as the debtors tried to resist petition.

- b. *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.

### B: Land and Environment Court Matters

(2) Numerous land and environment court matters (including inter alia):

- a. *EZRA 1 PTY LTD v Bayside Council* (2020), Land and Environment Court, Sydney - (appeared unled) – Court Hearing – Class 1, DA Application Appeal.
- b. *Holroyd City Council v National Auto Dismantlers Pty Ltd* [2017] NSWLEC 66 - Land and Environment Court.
- c. *Captain Developments Pty Ltd v Wingecarribee Shire Council* (2023) - Land and Environment Court.- – Court Hearing – Class 1, DA Application Appeal.
- d. *8 Squared Architects Pty Ltd Land v Sutherland Shire Council* (2023) - Land and Environment Court.- – Court Hearing – Class 1, DA Application Appeal.

### B: Building, Construction and Strata Matters

(3) Select building dispute matters (including inter alia):

- a. *Cincotta v Russo* [2019] NSWSC 272 – Supreme Court of NSW – Building Dispute matter – successfully acting for the Homeowners, Mr and Mrs Cincotta.
- b. *Access Housing Pty Ltd v Rayfield* [2018] NSWSC 599 - Supreme Court of NSW – Building Dispute – successfully

acting for the Homeowners, Mr and Mrs Rayfield.

- c. *Rehman v F&F Smart Homes Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWCATCD 12 – Building Dispute – successfully acting for the Builder.
- d. *Rehman v F&F Smart Homes Pty Ltd* (costs) [2023] NSWCATCD 56 – successfully acting for the Builder.

(4) Select strata matters (including inter alia):

- a. *Owners SP 96729 v Novati Constructions PL & Ors* [2021] NSWCATCD.

(5) Large number of NCAT Building dispute matters in the Commercial Division of the NCAT (including inter alia):

- a. *Rehman v F&F Smart Homes Pty Ltd* [2023] NSWCATCD 12
- b. *Rehman v F&F Smart Homes Pty Ltd* (costs) [2022] NSWCATCD
- c. *DSA Building Pty Limited vs George & Kay Geronikos & Ors - Building Dispute* (NCAT Appeal Panel – Home Building Act matter).

### C: Commercial, Property and Corporate Matters

(6) Numerous commercial and property matters:

- a. *Erinfen Pty Limited v Mardam Hospitality Pty Limited t/as Chicken & Sons* – Supreme Court of NSW - Injunctive relief.
- b. *Gabriele v Gabriele* - Supreme Court of NSW - Equity Division - Section 66G application.
- c. *Charub Pty Ltd v Chris Triandafyllou & Ors* - 2018/00395918

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mortgage matter before Davies J.

- d. *Blackmore v Blackmore* - (appeared unled) – Supreme Court of NSW - Equity Division - Section 66G application.
- e. *Manildra Park Pty Limited v Chandra Alavelu & Ors* (2012) – Local Court Of NSW Civil Hearing contested dispute – successful Plaintiff action – 14 April 2023

#### D: Taxation Matters

- (7) Mr Calokerinos is regularly briefed to advise on Part IVC Litigation and tax technical matters for solicitors.
- (8) Mr Calokerinos is regularly briefed to draft tax objections on behalf of taxpayers.
- (9) Numerous taxation litigation matters (including inter alia):
  - a. *Commissioner of Taxation v Michael Bacich* - 2015/00071678 - section 8C(1)(a) of the *Taxation Administration Act 1953* (Cth).
  - b. *Tagget v McLean Austquip Pty Limited* [2014] NSWSC 1310 - Supreme Court of NSW – Contractual Dispute matter.
  - c. *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.

#### E: Debt recovery on behalf of deceased's estate - the Estate of George Sclavos:

- (10) *Yesilhat v Calokerinos* [2021] NSWCA 110 - Court of Appeal - acting with Mr Michael Evans of Counsel on behalf of the Executor Respondent to successfully dismiss the misconceived Yesilhat Appeal case - 2017 to 2021.
- (11) *Calokerinos, Executor of the Estate of the late George Sclavos v Yesilhat; Yesilhat v Calokerinos, Executor of the Estate of the late George Sclavos* [2017] NSWSC 666 - Supreme Court of NSW - acting with Mr Michael Evans of Counsel on behalf of the Executor - 2013 to 2016 – Executor successful in debt/trust proceedings and successful in dismissing the fabricated Yesilhat de facto case.

See SMH Publication: ***Former policeman who made up same-sex relationship found guilty of fraud - 31 May 2023***

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/former-policeman-who-made-up-same-sex-relationship-found-guilty-of-fraud-20210531-p57wqe.html>

## CRIMINAL

### F: Select Criminal Law Matters - Indictable Matters – Jury Trials (acting pursuant to a grant of legal aid)

Numerous indictable criminal law matters in the District Court of NSW – these matters are prosecuted by the ODPP.

- (12) Selection of criminal jury trials acting for the Accused :
- a. *R v ZHENG* - Jury Trial – Indicatable Matter - District Court of NSW – 2023 – heard by Judge Pickering SC;
  - b. *R v IKAMUI* - Jury Trial – Indicatable Matter - District Court of NSW - 2022 - Judge Baker SC - co-accused - Verdict by Acquittal - proceedings successful for the accused.

- (13) R v WHITEHEAD - District Court of NSW - - Sentence hearing in May 2023 – Judge Turnbull – Historical Sexual Assault.