

Tony Ross

Barrister



Practice summary

Tony accepts briefs in all areas of law.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Tony served in the Australian Defence Force for 16 years, predominantly as an Army Officer. He is now in the active reserves.

In 2022, Tony was Tipstaff to the Hon. Justice M.J. Slattery AM AM (Mil) RAN of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (Equity Division).

Tony received his Juris Doctor from the Australian National University and his Bachelor of Business from the University of New South Wales at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Tony has broad experience working in the Defence and National Security community. His writing on foreign interference has been published in the Federal Law Review.

Practice Areas

• Appellate	• Contracts	• Inquests and inquiries	• Professional negligence
• Building and construction	• Corporations	• Insolvency and bankruptcy	• Property disputes
• Commercial law	• Criminal law	• Insurance	• Public / Administrative law
• Commercial leasing	• Employment law	• Medical negligence	• Residential tenancies
• Common law / Personal injury	• Equity and trusts	• Military law	• Sports Law
• Constitutional law	• Family law	• Planning and Development	• Torts
• Town planning and development	• Trade Practices & Competition Law	• Wills and Estates	• Workers' compensation

Experience

Barrister	2024 – Present
<i>Blackburn Chambers</i>	Canberra, ACT
<i>8 Wentworth Chambers</i>	Sydney, NSW
Army Officer (Major)	Australia
<i>Royal Australian Engineers (Active Reserves)</i>	June 2024 – Present
<i>Royal Australian Engineers (Australian Regular Army)</i>	2008 – June 2024
Tipstaff to the Hon. Justice M.J. Slattery AM AM (Mil) RAN	Sydney, NSW
<i>Supreme Court of New South Wales (Equity Division)</i>	2022
Volunteer	Subiaco, WA
<i>Subiaco Justice Centre</i>	2020 – 2022

Admissions and qualifications

Admitted to the Bar	2024
Admitted as a legal practitioner	2022
Juris Doctor, Australian National University	2021
Royal Military College, Duntroon	2012
Bachelor of Business, University of New South Wales, Australian Defence Force Academy	2011

Awards

- Christopher Gee QC Memorial Prize (2024) – for attaining the highest aggregate marks in Advocacy and Evidence in the New South Wales Bar Practice Course
- Peter Mitchell Stuckey Trust Award (2012) – for demonstrating the most effective leadership during Army Officer Training at the Royal Military College – Duntroon

Publications

- Tony Ross, 'The Weight of a Word: "Covert" and the Proportionality of Australia's Foreign Interference Legislation' (2022) 50(4) *Federal Law Review* 581

Select Cases

Appellate

- *Tijong v Chang* [2025] NSWCA 25 – successful appeal against a decision that a trust was extant and orders for indemnity against the retiring trustee (led by R Wilson SC).
- *Petrou v Vassiliadis* [2025] NSWCA 174 – successful defence of application for leave to appeal a decision under UCPR, r 36.16(2)(b) (led by F Maghami).

Equity / Commercial

- *Kendall & Anor v Porcelli & Ors* – ongoing proceedings in the NSWSC acting for a shareholder in an oppression claim involving multiple corporate and director defendants (led by N Kirby).
- *Porecca v Porecca* – ongoing Federal Court proceedings defending claims of breach of contract and estoppel (led by B Katekar SC).
- *Strata Plan No 96451 v BlueCHP Ltd and BCL2 Ltd* – ongoing NSWSC building and construction proceedings defending complex defect claims (led by B Debuse).
- *Waldren v Waldren Holdings Pty Ltd* – acting for plaintiff-beneficiary in complex trust proceedings (led by T Catanzariti).
- *Signoretti & Ors v Camilleri* – acting for multiple plaintiffs seeking performance of off-the-plan commercial real estate contracts (led by F Maghami).
- *Estate of Mavromatis* – acting for independent administrator in complex estate proceedings (led by M Green SC).
- *Andrew John Fleming v MCA Tag (No 2) Pty Ltd* – acted for independent administrator investigating large scale estate fraud, settling at mediation (led by JEF Brown).
- *Corbould v Gay* – acted for solicitor-executor in estate proceedings (reserved) (led by JEF Brown).

Professional Negligence

- *Reynolds v A Solicitor & Anor* – proceedings listed for hearing in the ACTSC acting against a solicitor who acted on a property development transaction (led by M Gerace SC).

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