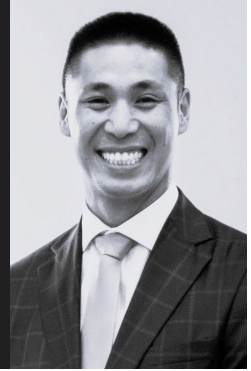


# Edward Chen

## Barrister



### Practice summary

Edward practises primarily in criminal law and appellate advocacy in the ACT. He has appeared unled in the ACT Court of Appeal and in jury and judge-alone trials in the ACT Supreme Court.

Before coming to the Bar, Edward was a trial and appellate advocate with Legal Aid ACT, where his practice was weighted toward complex, high-profile, and legally significant matters. He also served as a federal prosecutor, receiving the Director's Award for Excellence in 2018. Additionally, he supervised the Civil Litigation practice of Legal Aid ACT, led the ACT Tenancy Advice Service and managed insolvency litigations at the Attorney-General's Department.

Edward was a tipstaff to the Honourable Justice Elizabeth Fullerton SC of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. He represented his university as Senior Counsel at the Cowdery Criminal Law Moot 2013 and at the Oxford University Price Media Law Moot 2014, placing as eighth best oralist and reaching the Quarterfinals.

### Practice areas

Appellate	Family Law
Competition and consumer law	Inquests and inquiries
Criminal law	Human Rights
Employment law	Public/Administrative Law
Environmental law	Torts

### Admissions and qualifications

Called to the Bar	2026
Admitted as legal practitioner	2015
Bachelor of Laws, University of Technology, Sydney	2015

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## Significant Cases

- *R v Ruwhiu* [2023] ACTCA 18 | Crown appeal against 25% nonparole period
- *Henderson v The King* [2024] ACTCA 3 | threshold for ICO in CEM matters
- *DPP v Padreny* [2024] ACTCA 4 | manifest inadequacy regarding family violence
- *R v Carberry* [2023] ACTCA 32 | manifest inadequacy regarding arson
- *DPP v Cross* [2024] ACTSC 277 | pre-trial disclosure of expert evidence
- *DPP v Robertson* [2023] ACTSC 383 | worst case attempted murder
- *DPP v Calhoun* [2023] ACTSC 189 | 25% discount in an 'overwhelming case'
- *DPP v Holder (No 2)* [2023] ACTSC 167 | rehabilitation without remorse
- *Alexander v Bakes* [2023] ACTSC 103 | theft of "choses in action"
- *R v Igwebuike* [2017] ACTSC 323 | importation of \$10M of methylamphetamine

## Other

- Legal Aid ACT, Managing Solicitor
- Beaumont Legal (as a contractor for Attorney-General's Department), Government Solicitor
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, Federal Prosecutor
- NSW Supreme Court, Tipstaff to The Hon Justice Elizabeth Fullerton
- University of Technology, Sydney, Criminal Law U:PASS Tutor

## Awards and Academic Achievements

- Director's Award for Excellence 2018 (CDPP)
- Bachelor of Laws (distinction average)
- Eighth best oralist | Price Media Law Moot 2014 (Oxford University)
- Quarter-finalist | Price Media Law Moot 2014 (Oxford University)
- Judge | UTS Senior Witness Examination 2014
- Judge | UTS Junior Mooting Competition 2014
- Senior counsel | Cowdery Criminal Law Moot 2013
- Semi-finalist | UTS Senior Witness Examination 2013

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- Semi-finalist | UTS Torts Moot 2012
- Senior Debater of the year | Killara High School 2009
- Runner-up | Model United Nations Assembly 2008

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