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PRACTICE

Shane practices in all areas of commercial and civil law. His primary practice areas include general commercial litigation, property and contractual disputes, and media and defamation law. Shane practices in all State and Federal courts and tribunals.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Clayton Utz

March 2018 – March 2024

- Lawyer in the Commercial Litigation and Restructuring and Insolvency team, with additional experience in the Workplace Relations, Employment and Safety, and Public Sector Group teams.
- Involved in a wide range of complex litigation and advisory matters including tort, property, defamation, contracts, corporations, trusts, and employment law disputes.

Morgans Financial Limited (Secondment)

June - July 2020 and June - July 2023

- Managing the company's day-to-day legal matters including through the provision of advice in respect of potential litigious disputes.

Federal Court of Australia | Associate

January 2017 – March 2018

- Associate to the Honourable Justice Rangiah of the Federal Court of Australia.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Called to the Queensland Bar (2024)
- Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Queensland (2017)

EDUCATION

- Master of Laws (University of Melbourne) 2024
- Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (The College of Law) 2017
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons) (University of Queensland) 2016
- Bachelor of Arts (International Relations/Mandarin) (University of Queensland) 2016

- Secondary Education (Brisbane State High School) 2006 – 2010 (Vice Captain 2010)
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Media and Arts Law Review

- Defamation in context: *Expanding the defence of contextual truth* (2022) 25 Media and Arts Law Review

Clayton Utz Insights Publications

- Publisher's beware: unintended typos could expose you to defamation action (28 October 2021)
 - Triviality vs serious harm: two very different approaches to skinning the defamation cat (3 February 2022)
 - "Artistic licence" in concerns notice destroys settlement in defamation claim (3 February 2022)
 - Blurring fact and opinion – the complexities of the honest opinion defence to defamation claims (17 February 2022)
 - Boardroom wars, ASX announcements and defamation risk: when things go too far (31 March 2022)
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LEGAL COMPETITIONS

Australian & New Zealand Air Law Moot: July 2016 – September 2016

- Coach of the UQ Team that won Best Applicant Memorial and competed in the grand final in New Zealand

Leiden Sarin International Air Law Moot Competition: November 2015 – April 2016

- Member of the UQ Team that represented Australia at the Seventh International Air Law Moot Competition in Jakarta.
 - By the competition convenors, awarded Best Oral Advocacy – Respondents, and also ranked in the top ten for Best Oral Advocacy – Applicant, and Best Written Memorials – Applicant and Respondent.
 - By the University of Queensland, awarded Best Moot Team – 2016
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LEADERSHIP ROLES AND VOLUNTEER WORK

University of Queensland Law Alumni Association (UQLA): December 2014 – present

- Secretary and a founding director of the UQLA, a charitable corporation limited by guarantee.

Justice and the Law Society – President: September 2014 – November 2015

- Member of the Justice and the Law Society (JATL) from 2012 and served as President in 2015, managing a team of 22 committee members.