

# NAVID SEDAGHATI

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With 17 years of litigation experience and multiple admissions as a barrister domestically and in overseas jurisdictions, Navid is available to represent clients in a broad range of matters in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and England.

Principally specialising in the areas of commercial law, corporations law and private international law, Navid's practice extends to the oil, gas, mining, information technology, intellectual property, telecommunications, shipping, maritime and fast moving consumer goods sectors. He has acted for a diverse range of clients; from individuals and boutique companies, to some of Australia's and the world's most recognised corporations and brands, including Panasonic, Telstra, Vodafone, Optus and KNet Technology.

Given his far-reaching capabilities and global presence, Navid has particular expertise in international law and in matters where cross-jurisdictional issues arise. Such experience extends to representing clients in international commercial arbitrations and mediations. Domestically, Navid has gained considerable experience through successfully representing or supervising more than 4,000 legal matters, with litigation at all levels including Federal and Supreme Courts.

His prior experience as a Managing Partner of a law firm and as General Counsel at one of Australia's leading companies has served to bolster Navid's legal and commercial acumen, as well as his client skills. The extensive front end and back end legal experience (including litigation, compliance, corporate governance and risk functions) he has acquired in these capacities has sharpened his lateral-thinking capabilities. This allows him to approach the resolution of disputes in a balanced manner, which he skilfully uses to his clients' advantage. To this end, Navid is highly skilled in identifying and allocating risk and seeking effective solutions for his clients.

His primary strengths include his high level of commerciality, as well as his negotiation and research skills. He possesses a strong ability to quickly navigate through vast amounts of information and identify novel ideas to resolve complex legal issues. His technical ability is strengthened by his extensive knowledge in his chosen fields of practise, as well as his former position as a lecturer at the University of Technology, Sydney, in the areas of corporate law and evidence.

Navid's qualifications include degrees in Law, Economics, Banking and Finance, a Master of Laws and he is currently in the final stages of completing his Doctorate. He is also an accredited mediator pursuant to the Australian National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS).

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### ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2017 Admitted as a Barrister in Australia
  - 2017 Admitted as a Barrister in New Zealand
  - 2016 Admitted as a Registered Foreign Lawyer of the Singapore International Commercial Court
  - 2010 Admitted as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
  - 2010 Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand
  - 2002 Admitted as a Solicitor and Barrister of the High Court of Australia
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### PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appellate Advocacy
- Building and Construction Law
- Commercial Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Corporations Law
- Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG)
- Information Technology (IT)
- Intellectual Property (IP)
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Mediation and Arbitration
- Oil, Gas and Mining
- Private International Law
- Professional Liability
- Shipping and Maritime Law
- Telecommunications Law

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2018 Doctor of Business Administration (DBA): Queensland University of Technology
- 2017 Oxford Advanced Management and Leadership Programme: Said Business School, University of Oxford
- 2015 Graduate Certificate in Compliance Management: Governance Risk Compliance Institute
- 2011 Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building): Master Builders Association of NSW
- 2007 The Chairman Course by Graham Bradley AM: Australian Institute of Company Directors
- 2007 Project Management: University of Sydney
- 2006 Company Directors Course Diploma: Australian Institute of Company Directors
- 2003 Master of Laws: Australian National University, Canberra
- 2001 Bachelor of Laws: University of Western Sydney
- 1999 Bachelor of Economics (Economics / Banking & Finance): University of Western Sydney
- 1998 Clearing House Electronic Subregister System (CHES) Settlements: Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and Securities Institute of Australia

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 - present Barrister, Thirteen Wentworth Selborne Chambers
- 2013 - 2017 Solicitor and Barrister, Navid Sedaghati Lawyers
- 2011 - 2017 General Counsel, Think Spirits Pty Ltd (part-time)
- 2002 - 2014 Directorships and Board Appointments - cross sectional industries
- 2011 - 2011 Lecturer in Corporate Law and Evidence, University of Technology, Sydney
- 2006 - 2009 Non-Executive Director and Chairman, YHA Limited
- 2002 - 2010 Managing Partner, Solicitor & Barrister, Dawson Sedaghati and Associates, Solicitors

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Fellow: Financial Services Institute of Australasia
- Certified Compliance Professional Fellow: Governance Risk Compliance Institute
- Internationally Certified Compliance Professional: International Federation of Compliance Associations
- Member: New South Wales Bar Association
- Member: New Zealand Bar Association
- Member: Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)
- Member: Economic Society of Australia

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Navid has also held numerous Directorships and Board committee appointments, including Executive and Non-Executive Directorships, Company Secretary, Managing Director and Non-Executive Chairman roles. In addition, he has also been appointed to various board committees including audit, finance and marketing committees, as well as chairmanship of board committees.

### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Pro Bono Barrister: LawRight (formerly the Queensland Public Interest Law Clearing House Inc.)
- Life Member, former Chairman and Director: YHA Australia
- Former Director: Sydney Executive Business Lions Club, Lions Clubs International
- Founding Member: Sydney Executive Business Association
- Founding Member: General Counsels Committee of the Australian Beverage Sector