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Possessing a wealth of knowledge and experience across a range of practice areas, Navid brings 18 years of litigation experience when advising and advocating for clients. In recognition of his expertise and the successful outcomes he has attained for his clients Navid was a finalist in the 2019 Australian Law Awards for Barrister of the year.

Navid's core areas of practice include Commercial Law, Corporations Law, Building and Construction Law, and Private International Law. His practice extends to the banking, finance, property, engineering, information technology, intellectual property, telecommunications, energy, oil, gas, mining, shipping, maritime and fast-moving consumer goods sectors. Navid also possesses particular expertise in international law and in matters where cross-jurisdictional issues arise. Such expertise extends to representing clients in international commercial arbitrations and mediations.

Navid has been admitted as a Barrister in Australia and New Zealand, as a Registered Foreign Lawyer of the Singapore International Commercial Court and as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales. The diverse range of clients for whom he has acted include individuals and boutique companies, to some of the most recognised corporations and brands including Panasonic, Telstra, Vodafone, Optus, Burkert, KNet Technology and Blackmores. In 2018 he was part of the team that formulated the Financial Services Sector's submissions to the Australian Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Sector, known as the Banking Royal Commission.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Navid was a Partner of a law firm and General Counsel at one of Australia's leading beverage companies. The depth and breadth of his experience in legal practice gained through successfully representing or supervising more than 4,000 legal matters has served to bolster his legal and commercial acumen, as well as his client skills. His extensive experience in litigation, compliance, corporate governance and risk allows him to take a well balanced approach to the resolution of his clients' disputes. In this way, Navid is highly skilled in identifying and allocating risk and seeking effective solutions, and he uses this for the advantage of his clients when advising or representing them in courts and alternative dispute resolution forums.

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. As a part time lecturer and tutor at the University of Technology Sydney he teaches civil practice, corporate law, evidence and world trade law. He is a registered mediator under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS), a NSW Bar Association accredited mediator, and an accredited mediator with the Supreme and District Courts of NSW. He is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the NSW Bar Association, in addition to being a member of several national and industry committees for Corporations Law, International Arbitration and Domestic Arbitration.

Navid is available to represent clients in legal matters, including in arbitrations and mediations, in all Australian jurisdictions, Singapore, New Zealand, England, British Overseas Territories and upon request, may consider matters in other countries.

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ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 2017 Admitted as a Barrister in Australia
- 2017 Admitted as a Barrister in New Zealand
- 2017 Accredited Mediator of the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS) in Australia
- 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

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Arbitrator
- Bankruptcy and Insolvency
- Building and Construction Law
- Commercial Law
- Corporations Law
- Equity and Trusts
- International Commercial Arbitration and Mediation
- International Law
- Mediator

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 2019 Doctor of Business Administration (DBA): Queensland University of Technology
- 2017 Oxford Advanced Management and Leadership Programme: Said Business School, University of Oxford
- 2017 ADC Mediator Accrediation: Australian Disputes Centre
- 2017 ADC Mediation Skills, Techniques and Practice Course: Australian Disputes Centre
- 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
- 2011 - present Lecturer of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney (part-time)
- 2013 - 2017 Solicitor, Navid Sedaghati Lawyers
- 2011 - 2017 General Counsel, Think Spirits Pty Ltd (part-time)
- 2002 - 2014 Directorships and Board Appointments - cross sectional industries
- 2006 - 2009 Non-Executive Director and Chairman, YHA Limited
- 2002 - 2010 Managing Partner, Solicitor, Dawson Sedaghati and Associates

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Bar ADR accredited Mediator: New South Wales Bar Association
- 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: Law Council of Australia, Business Law, Federal Litigation and Dispute Resolution Sections
- Member: Society of Construction Law Australia
- Member: The Commercial Law Association of Australia
- Member: Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD)
- Member: Environmental and Planning Law Association (NSW)
- Member: INSOL International (International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Professionals)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee: New South Wales Bar Association
- Member of the 2018 Australian Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Sector Working Group: FINSIA (Financial Services Institute of Australasia)
Member of the Royal Commission Working Group that formulated submissions to the 2018 Australian Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Sector, also known as the Banking Royal Commission or the Hayne Royal Commission.
- Pro Bono Barrister and Mediator: New South Wales Bar Association, Australia
- Mentor: Society of Construction Law Australia
- Founding Member: General Counsels Legal and Compliance Committee of the Australian Beverage Sector
Founding member of the committee of the heads of legal and compliance of the 18 largest companies in the Australian beverage sector.
- Life Member, former Non-Executive Chairman and Director: YHA Australia
- Pro Bono Barrister: LawRight (Public Interest Law Clearing House)