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**EDUCATION** | Master of Laws – University of Melbourne  
2004 – 2007

Bachelor of Arts / Law (University Medal and First Class Honours in Law)  
– University of Technology, Sydney  
1997 – 2001

Graduate Certificate in Legal Practice – University of Technology, Sydney  
2001 – 2002

**AREAS OF PRACTICE** | Insurance Law  
Personal injury  
Public liability  
Products liability  
Professional negligence  
Intentional torts  
Building and construction  
Strata law

**EXPERIENCE** | Barrister-at-Law  
August 2020 to present

Barry.Nilsson. Lawyers, Special Counsel  
April 2018 to August 2020

Sparke Helmore Lawyers, Special Counsel / Senior Associate  
August 2014 to April 2018

Vardanega Roberts, Partner / Senior Associate  
March 2012 to July 2014

DLA Piper, Senior Associate  
November 2010 to March 2012

Moroney Lawyers, Senior Associate / Lawyer  
March 2002 to November 2010

**SIGNIFICANT CASES AS A SOLICITOR** | Acting for an insurer in the Federal Court proceedings commenced by Icon Co (NSW) Pty Limited in relation to a coverage dispute in relation to the defects in Opal Tower: *Icon Co (NSW) Pty Ltd v Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Australian Branch trading as Liberty Specialty Markets* [2020] FCA 1493

Acting for an Owners Corporation in an expedited matter in the Supreme Court of NSW involving an alleged breach of contract relating to the termination of a caretaker agreement

Defending a personal injury claim made under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth) against an alleged supplier of a defective product. That claim was successfully defended to the High Court (where special leave was refused) and the case is a leading authority on the meaning of “supply”: *Spittles v Michael’s Appliance Services Pty Limited* [2008] NSWCA 76

Applications in the Supreme Court and New South Wales Court of Appeal for costs orders against non-parties to the proceedings: *Rickard Constructions Pty Limited v Rickard Hails Moretti Pty Limited & Ors* [2008] NSWCA 283.

An appeal considering the primary and secondary limitation periods in sections 18 and 60C of the *Limitation Act 1969* (NSW): *Turagadamudamu v PMP Limited* [2009] NSWCA 120

Acting for a local council in defence of a claim by a cyclist who fell off his road bicycle when it struck a defect in the roadway and sustained a severe traumatic brain injury, involving defences based on the public authority, obvious risk and dangerous recreational provisions of the *Civil Liability Act 2002* (NSW)

Acting for a principal contractor in relation to a property damage claim brought in nuisance and negligence in respect of alleged failures to control sediment and stormwater discharges from a work site during heavy rainfall events

Acting for the principal contractor in a catastrophic injury claim in which the plaintiff was injured during the demolition of a bridge and advising on a dual insurance claim made by the demolition contractor

## **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

“You had better watch out: Liability of public authorities for obvious hazards in footpaths” (2006) 14 *Torts Law Journal* 81

“A review of s 6 of the *Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1946* (NSW)” (2007) 18 *Insurance Law Journal* 212

“Section 43A of the *Civil Liability Act 2002* (NSW) – Identifying the power and applying the defence” (2014) 11(10) *Australian Civil Liability* 132 (co-authored with James Clohesy)

“All roads lead to Roman – considering who in a roads authority knew about a risk: *Nightingale v Blacktown City Council* [2015] NSWCA 423” 168 *Australian Construction Law Newsletter* 47

Co-presenter at the Claims Discussion Group seminar on *Managing Risks in Construction* – June 2015

“A roads authority qualified immunity from suit” *Precedent* No 140 May/June 2017 (co-authored with James Clohesy)

Presenter on “Risk Allocation Clauses: Not My Problem” at the Legalwise seminar *Contract Drafting: Managing Risk* on 5 September 2018