

# HAROON RIAZ HASSAN

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## Qualifications

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**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW** - New York, New York  
*LL.M.* received May 2003

Honours: Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar

**UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE** - Adelaide, South Australia  
*LL.B. (with Honours)* received April 1998  
*B.A.* received April 1993

Honours: Justin Skipper Prize

**NATIONALLY ACCREDITED MEDIATOR** – The Victorian Bar, Melbourne  
NMAS Accreditation June 2018

## Admissions

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Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England & Wales	Feb. 2007
Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of Australia	Feb. 2001
Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia	Aug. 2000

## Professional Experience

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**The Victorian Bar** - Melbourne, Victoria  
*Barrister*

May. 2013 –

Please visit my profile on the Victorian Bar [website](#) for more information about my experience and expertise as counsel.

*From 16 May 2013 liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation*

**Maddocks Lawyers** - Melbourne, Australia

*Senior Associate / Special Counsel*

Feb. 2009 – Mar. 2013

Maddocks ([www.maddocks.com](http://www.maddocks.com)) is a leading Australian law firm with offices in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. I worked across the Regulation and Disputes group during my time at the firm. I was often called upon to manage sensitive and complex matters (both advisory and contentious) on behalf of key clients of the firm, including Local, State and Federal government. My clients included corporations, a wide range of public sector agencies as well as prominent public and private educational institutions.

**ArcelorMittal** - London, United Kingdom

*General Manager (Media Relations)*

Mar. 2008 – Dec. 2008

ArcelorMittal ([www.arcelormittal.com](http://www.arcelormittal.com)) is the world's leading integrated steel and mining company. As the head of media relations I was responsible for executing the group's global media relations strategy. I had oversight of the corporate press office and day-to-day responsibility for coordinating the group's interactions with the worldwide media.

**Schillings** - London, United Kingdom

*Senior Associate*

Jan. 2006 – Mar. 2008

Schillings specialises in protecting the reputation of high profile individuals, corporates and brands ([www.schillings.co.uk](http://www.schillings.co.uk)). As a senior lawyer within the firm I acted in a broad range of high profile matters including disputes concerning defamation, privacy, employment, intellectual property, brand protection and reputation management.

**Bar Chambers** - Adelaide, South Australia

*Barrister*

Sept. 2004 – Nov. 2005

I acted as counsel in a broad range of matters (both led and unled) including: corporations and securities; insolvency and bankruptcy; contract; employment; intellectual property; defamation; as well as trade practices and consumer law. I appeared as counsel in the Magistrates', District and Supreme Courts of South Australia as well as the Federal Court of Australia. I was regularly called upon to draft opinions and pleadings and to appear in negotiations and mediations on behalf of clients.

**The University of Adelaide School of Law** - Adelaide, South Australia

*Academic Staff Member (Part-Time)*

Jul. 2005 – Oct. 2005

My principal responsibilities entailed preparing and delivering seminars to students enrolled in the subjects "The Law of Evidence" and "Introduction to Advocacy" which were required subjects for the completion of the Bachelor of Laws. I also shared responsibility for marking final examinations and course work in both subjects.

**Kelly & Co Lawyers (now HWL Ebsworth Lawyers) - Adelaide, South Australia**

<i>Senior Associate</i>	Aug. 2003 – Sep. 2004
<i>Solicitor</i>	Jan. 2001 – Aug. 2002
<i>Graduate Law Clerk</i>	Jun. 1999 – Jan. 2000

I worked exclusively in the firm's dispute resolution team. I regularly advised and assisted clients in a broad range of commercial disputes. These included significant litigation in the Federal Court of Australia as well as the Supreme and District Courts of South Australia.

I was also a part of the firm's media and entertainment law practice. In that role I was involved in assisting clients in negotiating and drafting commercial agreements dealing with intellectual property rights of artists, composers, publishers and recording labels.

A critical aspect of my work involved advising major media organisations, corporations and individuals in respect of trademark, copyright and defamation matters.

**Flinders University School of Law - Adelaide, South Australia**

<i>Academic Staff Member (Part-Time)</i>	Jul. 1999 – Dec. 1999 and Jul. 2001 – Dec. 2001
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I researched and delivered lectures to students. I also conducted academic tutorials and shared responsibility for marking final examinations and interim assignments in the compulsory subject "Resolving Civil Disputes".

**High Court of Australia - Canberra, Australian Capital Territory**

<i>Associate to the Honourable Justice Mary Gaudron</i>	Jan. 2000 – Jan. 2001
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I researched legal issues and drafted memoranda with respect to special leave applications, appellate and constitutional matters. I also assisted in court during appeals and chamber hearings as well as with judgment production and proofing.

**Mr. Andrew Tokley (now QC) – Barrister at Law**

<i>Research Assistant / Law Clerk</i>	Jan. 1999 – Jun. 1999
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I researched legal issues, drafted research memoranda. I also assisted in the preparation for court hearings including drafting outlines of argument and court documents for interlocutory applications, trials and appeals.

**Supreme Court of South Australia - Adelaide, South Australia**

<i>Associate to the Honourable Justice John Perry AO</i>	Jan. 1998 – Dec. 1998
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I researched legal issues and drafted memoranda for use by the Court. I was also responsible for judgment production and proofing. In the course of my duties I assisted with: criminal and civil trials; chamber hearings; Full Court/Court of Criminal Appeal matters; and the preparation of articles and speeches.

## **Appointments & Memberships**

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Asian Australian Lawyers Association (2015 – )  
Asian Australian Leadership Summit (2019)  
Australian Bar Association, Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2019 – 2020)  
Bottled Snail Productions Inc (2013 – 2015)  
Columbia University Alumni Association (2003 – )  
Commercial Bar Association of Victoria (2013 – )  
Friends of International House (UK), Chairman of the Board of Trustees (2006 – 2009)  
International House (New York City), World Council of Alumni Member (2006 – )  
Law Institute of Victoria (2011 – 2017)  
Law Society of England and Wales (2006 – 2008)  
Law Society of South Australia (2001 – 2007)  
Maddocks Lawyers, Corporate Social Responsibility Committee (2009 – 2011)  
Maddocks Lawyers, Equal Opportunity and Diversity Committee (2011 – 2013)  
Melbourne Press Club (2015 – )  
Melbourne Law School – Centre for Media and Communications Law,  
Advisory Committee (2019 – )  
Monash University Law School – Centre for Regulatory Studies,  
Advisory Board (2012 - 2013)  
NSW Bar Association (2016 – )  
South Australian Bar Association (2004 – 2005)  
University of Adelaide Alumni Association (John Bray Law Chapter)  
Victorian Bar (2013 – )  
Victorian Bar, Bar News Committee (2018 – 2019)  
Victorian Bar, Equality & Diversity Committee (2018 – 2020)  
Victorian Bar, Pro Bono Committee (2014 – 2017)  
Victorian Planning and Environmental Law Association (2017 – )