

PROFILE: ARJUN CHHABRA



Arjun practises criminal defence work in bail, sentence, hearing, trial, and appeal matters. He regularly appears in the Local Court, District Court, Supreme Court, and Court of Criminal Appeal, as well as the State Parole Authority and Mental Health Review Tribunal.

Arjun also practices public and administrative law – especially in areas of corruption, commercial crime, trans-jurisdictional finance – representing individuals summons to appear before the NSW Crime Commission and the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

In 2016 [Doyles Guide](#) to Leading Criminal Law Barristers named him as one of New South Wales’ “Preeminent” Junior Counsel practicing criminal law.

Arjun specialises in excluding key prosecution evidence, such as confessions, eye-witness identifications, and DNA matches. He has years of experience in cross-examining state and federal police officers, and challenging police powers such as arrest, search, and interrogation. He previously practised as a criminal defence solicitor in a private practice with a focus on organised crime, commercial crime, cybercrime, and terrorism; and before that at the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited in Central Western NSW, the South Coast, and in the Sydney Metropolitan area performing high-volume criminal litigation.

Prior to criminal defence work Arjun practised corporate and taxation law in Australia, China, and the Middle East, and worked as an investment banker in Southern and East Africa. He has unique expertise in white collar criminal matters such as insider trading, taxation fraud, director fraud, and embezzlement.

Lecturing

Arjun lectures the “Advanced Criminal Evidence” unit of the *Master of Laws (Criminal Practice)* at the University of Wollongong (whose students include practising solicitors and barristers), and guest lectures at the University of Sydney, Western Sydney University, and Charles Sturt University. He has previously lectured on police powers and criminal sentencing.

Published Textbook

Arjun is the author of the text “[The Exclusionary Provisions in the Uniform Evidence Law](#)”, published in 2015 by Thomson Reuters. The text is included in the Evidence Law syllabus of numerous Law faculties across Australia, including the University of Wollongong’s, the University of Sydney, Western Sydney University, and Charles Sturt University. It is also a recommended text for NSW solicitors undergoing the Specialist Accreditation Program in Criminal Law.

Published Papers

The following are links to some of Arjun’s published papers:

[Context Evidence \(and how it differs from Tendency and Coincidence Evidence\)](#)

[Section 90 of the Evidence Act: An Overview / Mechanics of the Provision](#)

[Section 12 Bonds: Breach Offences and \(non\) Revocation under Section 98 of the Crimes \(Sentencing Procedure\) Act 1999 \(NSW\)](#)

[How to State a Case under Section 5B of the Criminal Appeal Act 1912 \(NSW\)](#)

[Reckless Conduct and Section 138 of the Evidence Act](#)

[Excluding Admissions](#)

[Matters to Consider for your Next Domestic Violence Hearing](#)

Media

The following are links to some of Arjun's matters reported in the media:

['Andrew McManus walks free over suitcase full of cash'](#), March 31 2017, The Sydney Morning Herald

['Taxi Driver who killed a pedestrian in Sydney sentenced to 18 months' jail'](#), December 15 2016, SBS

['Ex-union head pleads not guilty to fraud'](#), November 18 2016, Sky News

['Young woman died after boyfriend gave her three MDMA caps at Sydney DJ party'](#), December 8 2016, The Sydney Morning Herald

['Fake yoga classes, inflated community groups: Eman Sharobeem under fire at ICAC'](#), 2 May 2017, The Sydney Morning Herald

['Mexican national Ivan Casado Arias to be deported after 'terrifying' serial attacks on women in Sydney'](#), April 18 2017, The Daily Telegraph