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### Employment

2019–2020 Barrister-at-Law, Victorian Bar.

2018–2019 Senior Associate to the Hon. Justice Incerti (formerly Zammit), Supreme Court of Victoria, Trial Division

2017–2018 Senior Associate to the Hon. Justice Redlich, Supreme Court of Victoria, Court of Appeal

2013–2016 Lecturer and tutor in Faculty of Law and Faculty of Arts at University of Melbourne.

2012–2015 Research Assistant to Prof. Alison Young, Francine V McNiff Chair of Criminology, University of Melbourne.

2011 Research Assistant to the Hon. Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria

2007–2009 Research Assistant to Prof. Mark Considine, Dean of Arts, University of Melbourne.

2005–2007 Research librarian at Melbourne Law School

2003–2004 Seasonal Clerk at Mallesons Stephen Jacques. Returned the following summer to work for a partner in the M&A department.

### Education

2011–2018 PhD thesis, University of Melbourne, *Enlightenment at Sea: Melville’s Maritime Politics.*

The thesis gives a new account of the political thought nineteenth-century American author Herman Melville. Reading him in dialogue with the Enlightenment, it shows how his works speak back to the Founders’ competing visions of America, as well as to the slavery crisis of the 1850s, the Civil War and Reconstruction.

2000–2005 Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Law, University of Melbourne

Academic average of 88% in Arts, 91% for my honours’ thesis (1st class honours). Academic average of 73% in Law, 85% for my honours’ thesis (2nd class honours).

1987–1999Brighton Grammar School, ENTER score 98.65.

### Publications / Papers

2020 Book. *Enlightenment at Sea: Melville’s Maritime Politics* (Oxford: Oxford UP)

2018 Book Chapter. ‘Whales, Whalers and the Work of Whaling in *That Deadman Dance*’ in *A Critical Companion to Kim Scott* (Perth: UWA Press).

2015 Journal Article. ‘The Cetacean Right to Life Revisited’, *International Journal of Law in Context*, vol. 11(1).

2014 Book Review. ‘Heggie & Scheer’s Moby-Dick: A Grand Opera for the 21st Century’, *Leviathan: A Journal of Melville Studies*, vol. 17(2).

2011 Research Paper. ‘Writers under the Hammer: Literary and Cultural Freedom in Imperial Russia, the Soviet Union & East Germany’, prepared for the Hon. Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria.

### Referees

1. **The Hon. Justice Incerti (formerly Zammit)**

*Past Employer*

Supreme Court of Victoria

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1. **The Hon. Robert F Redlich QC**

*Past Employer*

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1. **The Hon. Alex Chernov AC QC**

*Past Employer*

Governor of Victoria (2011 to 2015)

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1. **Mr Peter Ickeringill**

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