

Philip Archer He/Him

Lived MG DNA.	Governance	Finance/Accounting	Human Resources
2 - Competent	4 - Extensive	4 - Extensive	2 - Competent
Risk Management	Arts/Event Sector	Legal	Business Strategy
4 - Extensive	3 - Advanced	4 - Extensive	3 - Advanced

I have participated in Mardi Gras for a decade and would now like to give back to the organisation and the community. I am passionate about ensuring that SGLMG continues to be a positive force, celebrating diversity and inclusion, and inspiring and instilling pride in everyone in the LGBTQI+ community. I am also concerned to ensure that SGLMG remains viable in the long term, such that it can continue to serve our community for generations to come. To that end, it would be a privilege to leverage my professional experience to promote and preserve the organisation and contribute to the community.

As a Senior Associate in a large global law firm, I have proven skills to navigate an increasingly complex legal and regulatory landscape. I offer extensive expertise in corporate governance, regularly advising clients and litigating in relation to corporations law and directors duties. I also bring a deep knowledge of financial management, having studied accounting and run cases concerning accounting and auditing. I am accustomed to providing advice at a C-suite and board level, exercising commercial judgment, and balancing strategic objectives and stakeholder interests in making recommendations.

In my current role, I have demonstrated a commitment to the provision of pro bono legal services, and I have a long history of volunteering for charitable causes before that. Relevantly, in one of my volunteer roles, I became familiar with the legal and regulatory landscape in which Australian charities and not-for-profits operate.

I am passionate about ensuring that SGLMG is successful and sustainable and will apply my experience and skills to that end.

LGBTQIA+ alliances

Mardi Gras member since I was 23
 member of the Pride group in my firm
 regular attendee at InterFirm.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Norton Rose Fulbright, Sydney, Australia

May 2016 – Present

Senior Associate

General commercial litigation practice focused on complex commercial disputes. Represented plaintiffs and defendants, in individual actions and class actions, at all stages in litigation from preliminary investigation to trial and appeal.

Clients include National Australia Bank, HSBC and KPMG. Matters include cases involving corporations law and directors' duties, misrepresentation, professional negligence, insurance coverage, contract law and securities law; advising secured creditors and receivers; and internal and regulatory investigations.

Demonstrated commitment to the provision of pro bono legal services, recently winning an appeal against a decision to deny my client a refugee visa, which would have seen my client and her children forced to return to Saudi Arabia.

Responsible for supervision of junior lawyers and paralegals. Mentor to junior lawyers. Member of the Pride group.

Clayton Utz, Sydney, Australia

November 2014 – May 2016

Paralegal

Exposure to a variety of practice groups and matters, with a focus on commercial litigation and regulatory investigations. Regulatory experience includes advising Australia's largest bank in relation to the largest remediation scheme of its kind in Australia, including engagement with the regulator and proactive management of class action, regulatory and reputation risk; advising the bank in relation to compliance with its revised financial services license conditions; and a secondment to the bank.

ADMISSIONS

Admitted to practice in New South Wales, the Australian federal courts, and New York State.

EDUCATION

The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

March 2011 – December 2015

Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws

Undertook an exchange semester at the National University of Singapore, and an intensive unit (Advanced Obligations and Remedies) at the University of Cambridge. Awarded the University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize and the Walter Reid Memorial Prize.

VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Conducted legal research and drafted policy and partnership agreements for registered charity, Adara Development. Have undertaken fundraising for ACON, the Australian Cancer Research Foundation, the Cancer Council, Legacy, the Salvation Army and the Rainbow Club. Served meals to the homeless with two different organisations. Participated as a literacy buddy with the Daystar Foundation and as a mentor in the Sydney Law School Mentoring Programme.