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## Areas of Practice

- Civil and human rights
- Common law – Intentional torts
- Coronial
- Criminal law
- Inquests and commissions of inquiry
- Prosecutions
- Public administrative law
- Regulatory and compliance law
- Work health and safety

## Experience

Prior to coming to the Bar, Mahmud practised in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution team at Hunt & Hunt Lawyers. Mahmud regularly advised and acted on behalf of government clients in regulatory prosecutions, appeals, administrative reviews, commissions of inquiry and coronial inquests.

Earlier in his career, Mahmud served in the NSW Police Force as a General Duties Police Officer, and later a Police Prosecutor. During his time in General Duties, Mahmud conducted numerous criminal investigations, and provided legal advice to investigators on the exercise of legislative powers and the sufficiency of briefs of evidence. As a Police Prosecutor, Mahmud appeared in Sydney Metropolitan and Children's Courts to prosecute matters on behalf of the NSW Police Force, Transport for NSW, Revenue NSW, local councils and various other regulatory agencies. Mahmud has extensive advocacy experience in conducting defended criminal hearings, sentencing proceedings, and applications relating to bail, Apprehended Violence Orders, forensic procedures, mental health, and confiscation of proceeds of crime.

In 2019, Mahmud was seconded from private practice to Transport for NSW (formerly Roads and Maritime Services) as Senior Legal Counsel. In this capacity, Mahmud advised lawmakers, industry stakeholders and investigators while managing the Department's prosecutions and appeals. Mahmud also worked to dissolve Roads and Maritime Services and integrate it into Transport for NSW.

He has experience in superior and inferior Courts, including appellate Courts, Children's Courts as well as tribunals and commissions. Mahmud accepts briefs to appear in all New South Wales Courts and Tribunals, including in regional and remote locations.

## Professional admissions

2020	Barrister (New South Wales)
2015	Solicitor (New South Wales)

## Professional experience

2020	Barrister, NSW Bar
2019 – 2020	Lawyer, Hunt & Hunt Lawyers
2019 – 2019	Senior Legal Counsel, Transport for NSW
2016 – 2019	Police Prosecutor, New South Wales Police Force
2015 – 2016	Solicitor, Birchgrove Legal

## Professional qualifications

2020	Bachelor of Criminal Justice (First Class Honours)	Charles Sturt University
2018	Associate Degree in Policing Practice (with Distinction)	Charles Sturt University
2017	Certificate IV in Government Investigations (Regulatory)	Australian Centre for Investigation, Incident & Management Solutions
2015	Bachelor of Laws	University of Technology, Sydney