

## Episode 63: Guest bios

**Episode name:** Nosy Neighbours and Chatty Schnauzers: Best Practice Strata Governance

**Guest(s):** Marcus Carbone and Robert Pietriche

**MARCUS CARBONE**

**Solicitor at Southern Waters Legal**

Marcus is a solicitor at Southern Waters Legal (“SWL”), a boutique law firm based in the southern regions of Sydney. Marcus graduated from the University of Technology, Sydney with Combined Bachelor Degrees of Law and Business (Major in Accounting) and was admitted to the Supreme Court of NSW in February 2015.



Marcus heads the Strata Practice at SWL and he is a member of the Australian College of Strata Lawyers, which is a self-governing association of practitioners dedicated to the development of strata laws for the common good and achieving the highest standard of good governance under those laws. He also works across a wide range of practice areas, including Commercial & Property Litigation, Business Law, Employment, Leasing and Intellectual Property.

Marcus has recently received the following recognition in the legal professions:

- 2022 Australian Law Awards – Litigator of the Year (Finalist)
- 2022 Australian Law Awards – Regional/Suburban Lawyer of the Year (Finalist)
- 2022 Australasian Lawyer – Most Influential Lawyer
- 2022 Australasian Lawyer – Rising Star
- 2021 Lawyers Weekly 30 Under 30 – Dispute Resolution & Litigation (Finalist)

Outside of Southern Waters Legal, Marcus is a young father and a Co-Founder of the Southern Rugby Alliance, a not-for-profit rugby organisation.

## ROBERT PIETRICHE

### Barrister at Banco Chambers

Robert is a barrister at Banco Chambers in Sydney. Robert holds a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) from the University of Sydney, was admitted as a solicitor in 2016 and was admitted to the New South Wales Bar in 2019.



Robert accepts briefs in all areas of law, but practises principally in commercial law, competition and consumer law, regulatory proceedings, class actions, corporations and insolvency and public and administrative law. Robert regularly appears in all NSW and Federal courts and tribunals, and has appeared unled in both the NSW Supreme Court, the Federal Court of Australia and the NSW Court of Appeal. Robert was recently named on the Doyles Guide's 2022 list of leading class actions barristers in Australia.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Robert was tipstaff to the Honourable Justice PLG Brereton AM RFD and practised as a solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills, where he worked primarily in commercial and competition law litigation. Robert was involved in a number of significant cases, including the merger of Tabcorp and the Tatts Group in 2017, the Cash Converters class actions in 2018, and the derivative private action against Visa Inc for alleged breaches of Australian competition law.

Robert has also been an Adjunct Lecturer, Tutor and Examiner in a number of subjects at the University of Sydney.

## DAVID TURNER

### Host



David Turner has a gift for teasing out people's stories, so it's no wonder he is Hearsay's host. With a double Bachelor of Arts and Laws from Macquarie University, he is also an MBA candidate at UNSW's Australian Graduate School of Management.

When he isn't interviewing people on Hearsay, David is a lawyer at Assured Legal Solutions, a boutique financial services law firm located in Sydney's CBD. Prior to joining Assured, he was called to the NSW Bar, and is a former President of NSW Young Lawyers and a former Councillor of the Law Society of NSW.

David spends the little downtime that he has left reading historical fiction and tinkering on home improvement projects.

You can access David's bio on the Assured Legal Solutions website [here](#).