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Stewart O'Connell is a Senior Associate with O'Brien Criminal & Civil Solicitors. Stewart commenced his legal career doing criminal defence work with the Aboriginal Legal Services in the Northern Territory. Ten years later, he was approached by an Aboriginal elder who had been defamed by the ABC. Looking for a change of pace, Stewart took on the matter which ended with a significant win in the Northern Territory Supreme Court, following a five-day trial. Since then, Stewart has built up a defamation practice where he has been fortunate enough to have worked on some very interesting matters, including the Voller (Fairfax Media Publications Pty Ltd v Dylan Voller; Nationwide News Pty Limited v Dylan Voller; Australian News Channel Pty Ltd v Dylan Voller [2021] HCA 27) and Bazzi (Bazzi v Dutton [2022] FCAFC 84) cases. He has also had the privilege of working with and against many of the best defamation solicitors and barristers in the country.



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