## **Matthew Ward**

## Partner, Morrisons

Matthew has been practising exclusively in criminal and traffic law since his admission as a solicitor. Matthew joined the team at Morrisons after graduating from the University of Wollongong with a Bachelor of Laws and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, before becoming partner in 2018.

Matthew, who is based in Wollongong and the Southern Highlands, regularly appears before the Local, District and Supreme Courts throughout NSW, supporting and representing clients in all types of criminal offences. This often includes large and complex criminal cases.

In 2017, Matthew was identified as an Accredited Specialist in Criminal Law by the NSW Law Society. In 2018, he was appointed to the Criminal Law Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee, a committee that is responsible for the setting and marking assessments for solicitors applying to be accredited specialists.

In 2019 and 2020, Matthew was as a finalist in the Lawyers Weekly 30 under 30, in the category of Criminal Law. This is an Australia-wide assessment that identifies excellence in the field for persons 30 years or younger. In 2020 and 2021, he was recognised as a Leading Criminal Lawyer in Regional NSW in the Doyle's guide and is currently the Criminal Law Chair of the Wollongong and District Law Society.

