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Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications: LLM, LLB (Hons), B Comm

Appointed Senior Counsel: 23 October 2019

Profile:

Peer Recognition

Featured in AFR Best Lawyers 2019-2023 (Litigation, Class Actions and Insolvency).

Recognised as a leading senior barrister in Australia by Chambers and Partners Asia-Pacific Guide and Doyle's Guide in commercial litigation and construction litigation.

AFR Class Action Lawyer of the Year 2021 (Victoria).

Practice Areas

An experienced trial advocate in superior courts and arbitral tribunals. Expertise in:

- Administrative Law
- Banking and Finance
- Bankruptcy and Insolvency
- Building and Construction
- Class Actions
- Commercial Law
- Corporations and Securities
- Crime (White Collar)
- Equity and Trusts
- Franchise disputes
- Insurance
- Royal Commissions and Public inquiries
- Torts (including Professional Negligence)
- Trade Practices

Current and Recent Cases

- *Monsanto Australia Ltd ats McNickle*
 - Federal Court of Australia
 - Class Action/Torts/Trade Practices
 - Acting on behalf of Monsanto in relation to allegations it breached its duty of care and statutory prohibitions in relation to defective goods by the supply of Roundup products.
- *Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd ats AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd & Ors*
 - Federal Court of Australia
 - Franchising/Contract/Trade Practices
 - Acting on behalf of Mercedes-Benz in relation to allegations regarding the lawfulness of the introduction of an agency model in Australia.
- *Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited*
 - Federal Court of Australia
 - Corporations Law
 - Acting for ASIC in relation to allegations that ANZ acted unconscionably and breached the Corporations Act and ASIC Act in manipulating the Bank Bill Swap Rate.
- *State of Victoria ats Tabcorp Limited and Tatts Group Limited*
 - Supreme Court of Victoria, Court of Appeal and High Court of Australia
 - Contract/Statutory interpretation
 - Representing the State of Victoria in relation to a claim by gaming operators that they were entitled to a “terminal payment” upon the cessation of their gaming licences and the commencement of a new wagering and gaming system in Victoria.
- *State of Western Australia ats the Estate of Dhu & Ors*
 - Proceeding concerning the validity and enforcement of the *FPINE Act (WA)* and its effect on indigenous Australians
 - Constitutional law, human rights, class actions and torts
 - Representing the State of Western Australia
- *7-Eleven Pty Ltd ats Davaria Pty Ltd*
 - Federal Court of Australia
 - Class Action/Contract/Consumer Law
 - Representing 7-Eleven in relation to allegations it breached its contractual obligations with and engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct towards its franchisees.
- *Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide*
 - Royal Commission being conducted by Nick Kaldas APM, the Hon James Douglas QC and Dr Peggy Brown AO
 - Administrative Law, Statutory Interpretation, Public Law
 - Representing Comcare
- *Hotel Quarantine Inquiry*
 - Board of Inquiry conducted by Jennifer Coate QC
 - Commercial law
 - Representing Wilson Security
- *Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry*
 - Royal Commission being conducted by Kenneth Hayne QC.
 - Commercial and Banking Law
 - Representing National Australia Bank Limited.

Professional Experience prior to coming to the Bar

- **2003, 2004 and 2006**
 - Solicitor, Blake Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst Australia)
 - Practising in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group
- **2005**
 - Associate to Justice Hollingworth (Supreme Court of Victoria)
 - Commercial, Common Law and Criminal Divisions

Tertiary Qualifications

- **2002**
 - Completed a Masters Degree in Law, Australian National University
 - Specialised in Commercial and Public Law
 - Awarded the Dean's Prize for outstanding achievement
- **1997-2002**
 - Completed a Bachelor of Laws (Honours), University of Melbourne
 - Completed a Bachelor of Commerce, University of Melbourne