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Alex Solomon-Bridge SC practises in public, commercial, and employment law.

QUALIFICATIONS

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CHAMBERS

COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts | Real Property

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Appellate | Confidential Information | Discrimination | Employment Contracts | Restraint of Trade | Statutory Employment Rights

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law | Discrimination | Environment | Freedom of Information | Immigration | Judicial Review

He has appeared in significant trial and appellate matters in courts throughout Australia.

Alex is also a long-standing reporter for the Commonwealth Law Reports, and editor of the freedom of information chapter of the Victorian Administrative Law looseleaf service.

Before coming to the Bar, Alex was the Researcher to the Solicitor-General for Victoria, Stephen McLeish SC (now Justice McLeish of the Victorian Court of Appeal). Prior to that he was an Associate to Justice Tate of the Victorian Court of Appeal and a solicitor in the Crown Solicitor's Office in South Australia.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under the Professional Standards Legislation

Recent Cases

COMMERCIAL LAW

Amcor Ltd v Barnes [2021] VSCA 6*:* breach of fiduciary duties, claim for account of profits and constructive trust, principles concerning termination of employment contract (led by Charles Gunst KC).

Investors Exchange Limited v Australian Financial Complaints Authority Limited [2020] QSC 74: specific performance of determination under external dispute resolution procedure (led by Michael Wise KC).

BFJ Capital Pty Ltd v Financial Ombudsman Service Limited (in liq) [2019] VSC 71: summary dismissal application, whether *Datafin* principle capable of applying to the Financial Ombudsman Service (led by Michael Wise KC).

Down Town Visuals v Panorama Investments [2018] VSC 427: assignment of equitable charge, scope of mortgagee's entitlement to enforcement costs (led by Michael Colbran KC).

Apple and Pear Australia Ltd v Pink Lady America LLC (2016) 343 ALR 112: trademarks, construction of contractual terms, implication of terms (led by Michael Wise).

Distinctive FX Pty Ltd v Van der Slot [2016] VSCA 39: proprietary claim in proceeds of life insurance policy paid with allegedly stolen moneys, knowing receipt and knowing assistance claim relating to alleged employee misappropriation (led by Caroline Kenny KC).

Falkingham v Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club Ltd [2015] HCATrans 231: corporations, oppression proceeding relating to golf club merger (led by James Merralls KC).

Burge v Commonwealth Bank of Australia [2016] HCATrans 224: interlocutory injunction, whether Financial Ombudsman Service an "officer of the Commonwealth" (unled).

Australasian Centre for Corporate Responsibility v Commonwealth Bank of Australia (2016) 248 FCR 280: power of shareholders to move resolutions expressing opinions on best interests of company (led by Caroline Kenny KC).

PUBLIC LAW

Save Our Strathbogie Forest Inc v Secretary to the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action [2024] FCA 317: injunction to prevent planned burns from being conducted in Southern Greater Glider habitat (led by Frances Gordon KC, with Hannah Douglas).

QYFM v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs (2023) 97 ALJR 419: procedure for determining bias applications in relation to members of appellate courts, whether judge who formerly appeared against party should have recused himself (led by Stephen Donaghue KC, with Arlette Regan).

Lew v Blacher [2023] VSC 604: Jurisdiction of arbiter in relation to misconduct by councillor on Facebook (unled).

Real Estate Victoria Pty Ltd v Owners Corp No 1 PS332430 (2021) 64 VR 24: appeal from Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal concerning variation of lot liability for members of owners corporation.

Anderson v Stonnington City Council [2021] HCATrans 65: whether accrued right to continue development commenced before change to planning scheme (led by Chris Horan KC, with Sarah Porritt).

QSuper Board v Australian Financial Complaints Authority Ltd (2020) 276 FCR 97: whether determination of superannuation complaint was invalid exercise of Commonwealth judicial power (led by Michael Wise KC).

Gibson v Minister for Home Affairs [2020] HCATrans 46: automatic cancellation of visa on character grounds, whether lodgement of revocation request within time was necessary in order to consider request (unled).

Australian Institute of Technical Training Pty Ltd v Australian Skills Quality Authority [2020] AATA 1641: application to reopen case and to vary stay conditions affecting registered training organisation (led by Daryl Williams KC).

Minogue v Victoria (2018) 264 CLR 252: laws altering power of parole board in respect of prisoners convicted of the murder of a police officer (led by Chris Horan KC).

Liberal Party of Australia (Victorian Division) v Rae [2019] VSCA 13: whether election how-to-vote cards likely to mislead or deceive (unled).

Fauna and Flora Research Collective Inc v Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning [2018] VSC 366: lawfulness of zoning scheme concerning timber harvesting in East Gippsland (led by Lisa De Ferrari SC).

Crowther v Whitehorse City Council (No 2) [2018] VSC 344: judicial review of decision to bring Council prosecution (unled).

R v Maybus (Ruling No 1) [2016] VSC 57: public interest immunity claim regarding application to give evidence by video link (led by Paul Holdenson KC).

Wellington v Surf Coast Shire [2019] VCAT 1811: freedom of information request regarding submission in support of planning permit (with Edwina Smith).

Sandhu v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection [2016] HCATrans 90: power of court to declare decision affected by error but to decline to issue certiorari (with Georgina Costello)

TC v UD [2015] VSC 92: power of doctors to make recommendations for involuntary treatment (unled).

Minister for Immigration and Border Protection v WZAPN (2015) 254 CLR 610: test for "serious harm" under the Migration Act where threat to liberty (led by Richard Niall KC).

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Rooney v AGL Energy Limited (No 2) [2020] FCA 942: general protections claim (unled).

National Union of Workers v AB Oxford Cold Storage Company Pty Ltd [2017] FCA 1220: injunction preventing employees being transferred between labour hire companies before expiry of enterprise agreement (unled).

Kelly v H.A. Jacobs & Sons Pty Ltd [2016] VCC 1777: breach of employment contract, whether implied term of reasonable notice (unled).

Stewart v City of Yarra [2016] VCAT 1537: discrimination in employment, strike out application by reason of delay (unled).

Memberships

Public Law Section of the Commercial Bar Association