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Bernie Quinn KC practises in commercial law, public law and product liability law

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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Energy & Resources | Equity & Trusts | Insurance | Regulatory Investigations

TORT LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Commissions & Inquiries | Common Law | Inquests | Major Torts | Medical Negligence | Negligence | Personal Injury | Product Liability | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Appellate | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law

Bernie appears predominantly in superior courts at both trial and appellate levels and has extensive experience with class actions involving a wide range of subject matters and areas of law. He also has Royal Commission and coronial inquest experience.

Bernie speaks and reads Bahasa Indonesia and has advised on aspects of the Indonesian legal system and Indonesian law.

He commenced his career as an associate to Justice Michael Kirby in the High Court of Australia. Bernie is also a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

Recent Cases

Matthews v SPI Electricity Pty Ltd (Black Saturday bushfire class action, presently being heard);

Madgwick v Kelly [2013] FCAFC 61 (Full Federal Court, security for costs in class actions);

British American Tobacco Australian Services Ltd v Laurie (2011) 217 ALR 429 (High Court, apprehension of bias);

Australian Education Union v Lee [2010] FCAFC 153 (Full Federal Court, constitutional law and statutory construction);

Peterson v Merck Sharpe & Dohme (Australia) Pty Ltd (2010) 266 ALR 1 (Federal Court, product liability class action);

In the matter of AWB Limited [2010] VSC 456 (Supreme Court of Victoria, scheme of arrangement);

2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission;

Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd v BHP Billiton Petroleum (Bass Straight) Pty Ltd [2007] VSCA 224 (Victorian Court of Appeal, legal professional privilege);

Amaca Pty Ltd v Banton [2007] NSW CA 3365 (New South Wales Court of Appeal, asbestos appeal);

CSR v Della Maddalena (2006) 80 ALR 458 (High Court, asbestos appeal);

Pacific Brands Sport & Leisure Pty Ltd (2006) 149 FCR 395 (Full Federal Court, contract assignment);

Agtrack (NT) Pty Ltd v Hatfield (2005) 251 CLR 259 (High Court, limitation periods);

Financial Wisdom Ltd v Newman (2005) 12 VR 79 (Victorian Court of Appeal, failed investment schemes);

*Povey v Qantas Airways Ltd (*2005) 223 CLR 189 (High Court, construction of international convention);

Mulholland v Australian Electoral Commission (2004) 220 CLR 181 (High Court, implied constitutional freedoms);

British American Tobacco Services Ltd v Cowell (2002) 7 VR 524 and (No.2) (2002) 8 VR 571 (Victorian Court of Appeal, tobacco litigation);

Mobil Oil Australia Pty Ltd v Victoria (2002) 211 CLR) (High Court, constitutional law).