

Caitlin O'Neil



Caitlin O'Neil practises in public and commercial law.

QUALIFICATIONS

Juris Doctor
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts | Private International Law

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

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

TORT LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Commissions & Inquiries | Defamation | Inquests | Major Torts | Negligence | Product Liability | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law | Discrimination | Environment | Freedom of Information | Immigration | Judicial Review | Native Title | Privacy | Public International Law | White Collar Crime

Caitlin has broad experience acting for government, corporate and individual clients in judicial review, criminal and commercial proceedings. Since joining the bar, she has been briefed in matters concerning national security, suppression orders, migration, torts, breach of contract, discrimination and industrial law.

Previously, Caitlin was a Senior Lawyer at the Australian Government Solicitor where she acted in complex and sensitive matters at all levels of the judicial hierarchy. She has also worked in the competition and litigation teams at Gilbert + Tobin, assisting corporate clients to navigate commercial litigation, regulatory investigations and merger clearance processes.

Caitlin was Associate to the Honourable Justice Steven Rares at the Federal Court of Australia. She holds Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts (Honours in History) degrees from the University of Melbourne, both with first class honours.

Caitlin read with Kate Burke SC and her senior mentor is Kathleen Foley SC.

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Recent Cases

PUBLIC LAW

McHugh v Commonwealth of Australia [2025] VSC 11: acting for the defendant in ongoing proceeding (led by Stephen Lloyd SC and Christopher Tran)

CFB23 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2024] FedCFamC2G 1240: judicial review application (unled)

DPP v Duong [2024] VCC 182: appeared in criminal trial and sentencing on behalf of the Commonwealth Attorney-General in relation to information protection issues (unled and led by Mark Hosking)

Attorney-General v Temssah (No 2) [2024] VSC 328: application under Division 105A of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) (led by Elizabeth Bennett SC and Rowan Minson)

OTHER

Gorman v Speech Pathology Association of Australia Ltd [2025] VSC 4: oppression and breach of contract claim (led by Eugene White)

Loechel v Walker & Anor (Building and Property) [2025] VCAT 105: summary dismissal (unled)

De Jongh v Semsarian: acted for Ms de Jongh in proceeding under the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* (Cth) (FCA, led by Christopher Tran)

Applications for leave to appeal and suppression orders in tax proceeding (FCA, led by Daniel McInerney KC)