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## Catherine Pierce SC practises principally in taxation and commercial law

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### COMMERCIAL LAW

Banking & Finance | Class Actions | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts | Taxation

### **TORT LAW**

Negligence | Professional Negligence

#### **PUBLIC LAW**

Commissions & Inquiries | Freedom of Information | Taxation

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Catherine practises in taxation, commercial and public law. Catherine has also appeared in both international and domestic commercial arbitration.

Catherine has been recognised in the Victorian counsel rankings of Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession and the Australian Financial Review Best Lawyers List for her expertise in tax law.

She is a member of the Board of Directors of List G Barristers. She is also currently President of the Tax Bar Association.

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#### Recent Cases

#### RECENT FEDERAL TAX CASES

Catherine has acted for both taxpayers and the Commissioner of Taxation in the High Court and Federal Court in the following cases:

Commissioner of Taxation v Shell Energy Holdings Australia Ltd [2021] FCAFC 496

ACN 154 520 199 Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation [2020] FCAFC 190

Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas [2020] FCAFC 220

Commissioner of Taxation v Scone Race Club Ltd [2019] FCAFC 225

Commissioner of Taxation v Racing Queensland Board [2019] FCAFC 224

Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Thomas [2018] HCA 31 (led by Justin Gleeson SC and Philip Looney KC)

Orica Ltd v Federal Commissioner of Taxation [2015] FCA 1399 (Federal Court of Australia, led by Simon Steward QC, with Lisa Hespe).

Glencore Investment Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation [2019] FCA 1432

#### **ONGOING FEDERAL TAX MATTERS**

Advising multinational companies in relation to the application of anti-avoidance and transfer pricing provisions to certain debt instruments and currency swaps.

PepsiCo, Inc. v Commissioner of Taxation (diverted profits tax) (led by Eugene Wheelahan KC)

Stokely-Van Camp, Inc. v Commissioner of Taxation (diverted profits tax) (led by Eugene Wheelahan KC)

Commissioner of Taxation ats Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd (petroleum resource rent tax) (led by Stephen Sharpley KC)

#### RECENT STATE CASES

Commissioner of State Revenue ats Numo Pty Ltd and Hazy Pty Ltd [2016] VSC 274

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Lotus Oaks Pty Ltd as trustee for the Bozzo Family Trust v Commissioner of State Revenue [2021] VSC 388

Commissioner of State Revenue ats Nationwide Towing Services Pty Ltd [2018] VSC 62

**COMMERCIAL CASES** 

Slea Pty Ltd v Connective Services Pty Ltd [2022] VSC 136

ACN 115 918 959 Pty Ltd v Hoeys Lawyers Pty Ltd [2021] VSC 79

**ONGOING COMMERCIAL CASES** 

HK Realway Pty Ltd v Thomson Geer Pty Ltd (led by Tim North KC)

**ROYAL COMMISSIONS** 

Catherine appeared as counsel for the Australian Federal Police in the Royal Commission on the Management of Confidential Informants.

## Memberships

Member of the Board of Directors of List G Barristers

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