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Israel Cowen practises in commercial and public law.

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Master of Laws (JD)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Banking & Finance | Class Actions | Commercial Arbitration | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts | Insurance

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Confidential Information | Copyright & Designs | Patents | Trade Marks

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Constitutional Law | Freedom of Information | Immigration | Judicial Review

TORT LAW

Commissions & Inquiries

Israel has advised and appeared in a range of commercial matters including in the areas of competition and consumer law, corporations law, professional negligence, equity and trade marks law. In 2017, Israel was listed by Doyle's Guide as an Emerging Intellectual Property & TMT Junior Counsel.

Israel has also advised government on numerous constitutional and administrative law issues, and has acted for regulators and in Royal Commissions, including as counsel assisting in the Royal Commission into the management of Police Informants.

Before coming to the Bar, Israel was an Associate to the Hon Justice Middleton and an Associate to the Hon Justice Moshinsky at the Federal Court of Australia. Earlier, Israel worked as a solicitor at Allens on intellectual property, corporate insolvency and tax litigation matters.

Prior to his legal career, Israel worked as an Analyst at Goldman Sachs JBWere. He also has experience in the advertising and public relations industries. Whilst undertaking his Juris Doctor, Israel was an editor of the Monash University Law Review.

Israel read with Daniel Crennan KC and his senior mentor is Philip Crutchfield KC.

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Recent Cases

Since coming to the Bar, Israel has advised, and appeared on behalf of, individuals, corporations and government agencies. Some matters in which Israel has been briefed include:

Commission of Inquiry into Moira Shire Council (2023) - representing the CEO of Moira Shire Council

Krieger v Colonial First State Investments Limited (Federal Court) - representing the applicant members of a superannuation fund in a group proceeding against the trustee (ongoing) (led by William Edwards SC with A Folie)

Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence (2021) - for Crown Melbourne Ltd

Perth Casino Royal Commission (2021) - for Crown Resorts Ltd

Molopo Energy Limited v Johal & Ors (Supreme Court of Victoria, settled) (2021) – directors' duties, acted for insurer (led by J Slattery KC)

Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants (2019-2020) - member of Counsel Assisting (led by C Winneke KC, with A Woods, M Tittensor, M Allen and N Kaye)

ASIC v MyWealth Manager Financial Services [2019] FCA 2107 - ASIC application for the appointment of receivers

BJO18 v Minister For Home Affairs [2019] FCCA 1616; [2020] FCAFC 189 - judicial review (led by J Burnside KC)

McCrohan Super Investments Pty Ltd & Ors v Ashdown & Ors [2018] VSC 422 – misleading or deceptive conduct (led by J Slattery KC)

Royal Commission into the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (2018) - acted for a superannuation fund

Application by Tabcorp Holdings Limited [2017] ACompT 1 – merger authorisation (led by A McClelland KC, with K Anderson, P Thiagarajan and S Zeleznikow)

Australian Property Custodians Holding Ltd v William Lewski and Ors (Supreme Court of Victoria, settled) – breach of trust and knowing assistance (led by J Slattery KC)

The Really Good Company Pty Ltd v MAE Pacific Pty Ltd and Ors (Supreme Court of Victoria) – breach of contract, fiduciary duties and misleading or deceptive conduct (led by D Crennan KC)

Dahlia (Aust) Pty Ltd and Anor v Fulcrum Management Pty Limited and Ors (Federal Court) – breach of contract, trade mark infringement and misleading or deceptive conduct (led by C Golvan KC with M Marcus)

Various proceedings in the County Court of Victoria, including contract disputes and Australian Consumer Law claims (led by S Anderson KC; P Gray KC; unled).

Acting for various plaintiffs and defendants in insolvency proceedings (unled, Supreme Court of Victoria)

Advices on statutory interpretation, constitutional and administrative law issues (led by P Hanks KC; unled)

Memberships

Victorian Bar - Commercial Bar Association