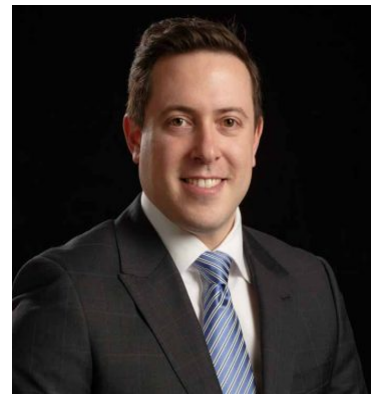


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Confidential Information | Copyright & Designs | Patents | Trade Marks

### PUBLIC LAW

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

### TORT LAW

Commissions & Inquiries

He advises and appears in a broad range of commercial matters including in the areas of consumer law, superannuation class actions, corporations law (directors' duties and shareholder oppression), professional negligence, equity and trade marks law. Israel has acted for individuals, corporations, insurers, government agencies and regulators.

Israel also advises and appears in administrative law matters, including for government agencies, regulators, Royal Commissions and inquiries. In 2019 and 2020, he was a member of Counsel Assisting in the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants.

Before coming to the Bar, Israel was Associate to the Honourable Justice Middleton AM and Associate to the Honourable Justice Moshinsky at the Federal Court of Australia. He previously practised as a solicitor at Allens, where he worked predominantly on pharmaceutical and engineering patent disputes (in particular *Automatic Technology (Australia) Pty Ltd v B&D Australia Pty Ltd*, and *Warner-Lambert Company LLC v Apotex Pty Ltd*, NSD 199 of 2014).

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## Recent Cases

### COMMERCIAL AND CORPORATIONS

*In the matter of Sunstone Advisory Pty Ltd* (Federal Court, ongoing) – acting for the plaintiff in shareholder oppression proceedings (unled).

*YCW (Holdings) Melbourne Pty Ltd v Vila* (Supreme Court of Victoria, ongoing) – acting for the plaintiff in proceedings involving directors' duties, equitable and tortious claims (led by J Brereton).

*AiIC Holdings Limited v GTC Legal Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of Victoria, ongoing) – acting for defendant directors in proceedings involving contractual claims, misleading or deceptive conduct and shareholder oppression allegations (unled).

*Kusmanoff v Retail Employees Superannuation Pty Ltd* (Federal Court, ongoing) – acting for applicant group members in a superannuation class action against the trustee (led by WAD Edwards KC).

*Krieger v Colonial First State Investments Limited* (Federal Court, settled) – acting for applicant group members in a superannuation class action against the trustee (led by WAD Edwards KC and A Folie SC).

*Molopo Energy Limited v Johal & Ors* (Supreme Court of Victoria, settled) – directors' duties proceeding, acting for the insurer (led by J Slattery KC).

*Gaudry v Crewes* (County Court of Victoria) – acted for plaintiff/defendant by counterclaim in relation to case transfer and summary judgment application (unled).

*In the matter of ACN 004 817 323 Pty Ltd (In Liquidation), formerly Laura Ashley (Australia) Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of Victoria, settled) – acting for defendant insurer in relation to coverage under director and officers insurance policy (led by J Slattery KC)

*ASIC v MyWealth Manager F and Inancial Services Pty Ltd* [2019] FCA 2107 – acting for the defendants in successfully resisting ASIC's application for the appointment of receivers (unled).

*In the matter of Great Daisy Jump Pty Ltd; in the matter of Great Grant Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of Victoria, settled)

– acting for defendants in applications to set aside statutory demands (unled).

*McCrohan Super Investments Pty Ltd & Ors v Ashdown & Ors* [2018] VSC 422 – acting for defendants in misleading or deceptive conduct proceedings (led by J Slattery KC).

*Application by Tabcorp Holdings Limited* [2017] ACompT 1 – acting for the ACCC in merger authorisation proceedings before the Australian Competition Tribunal (led by A McClelland KC, with K Anderson, P Thiagarajan and S Zeleznikow).

*Australian Property Custodians Holding Ltd v Lewski & Ors* (Supreme Court of Victoria, settled) – acting for the insurer of directors in proceedings involving breach of trust and knowing assistance claims (led by J Slattery KC).

*Dahlia (Aust) Pty Ltd v Fulcrum Management Pty Ltd & Ors* (Federal Court, settled) – acting for cross-respondents in proceedings involving contractual disputes, trade mark infringement and misleading or deceptive conduct claims (led by C Golvan KC and M Marcus).

#### ROYAL COMMISSIONS, INQUIRIES AND PUBLIC LAW

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

Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence (2021) – acting for Crown Melbourne Ltd.

Perth Casino Royal Commission (2021) – acting for Crown Resorts Ltd.

Commission of Inquiry into Moira Shire Council (2023) – acting for the Chief Executive Officer of Moira Shire Council (unled).

*BJO18 v Minister for Home Affairs* [2019] FCCA 1616; [2020] FCAFC 189 – judicial review proceeding (led by J Burnside KC).

## Memberships

Victorian Bar - Commercial Bar Association