

Declan Murphy



Declan Murphy practises primarily in employment and industrial relations law and commercial matters, including class actions.

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Bachelor of Arts (Mon)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Class Actions | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Appellate | Confidential Information | Discrimination | Employment Contracts | Industrial Disputes | Public Sector Appeals | Restraint of Trade | Statutory Employment Rights | Work Health & Safety | Workers Compensation

TORT LAW

Class Actions

Declan has a trial and appellate practice and has appeared in the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, Federal Court, Full Court of the Federal Court and various tribunals.

Before coming to the Bar, Declan was a Senior Associate in Maurice Blackburn's employment and industrial law practice.

Declan read with Siobhan Kelly and his senior mentor was Claire Harris KC (as her Honour then was).

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Recent Cases

REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Kajula Pty Ltd v Downer EDI Limited and Justine and Cameron Lidgett [2024] VSCA 236 (Victoria Court of Appeal) – application for leave to appeal from an interlocutory ruling on a multiplicity dispute – with D Fahey and R Doyle SC.

Elliot-Carde v McDonald's Australia Limited [2023] FCAFC 162 (Full Court of the Federal Court) - referral on a question of law to determine whether the Court has power to make a settlement Common Fund Order - with P Turner, S Kelly and L Armstrong KC.

Tham v Australian Capital Territory [2024] FCA 1508 (Federal Court) – settlement approval application in the ACT 'junior doctors' representative proceeding – with M Szydyk SC.

Elliot-Carde v McDonald's Australia Limited (Stay Application) [2023] FCA 1210 (Federal Court) - stay application brought by the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association in underpayment class action - with S Kelly and L Armstrong KC.

Lidgett v Downer EDI Ltd [2023] VSC 574 (Supreme Court of Victoria) - consolidation application and multiplicity dispute in shareholder class action - with L Armstrong KC.

Singh v Kentucky Fried Chicken Pty Ltd [2024] FCA 1180 (Federal Court) – underpayment class action interlocutory ruling – with M Guo and L Armstrong KC.

Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federation & Ors v Eastern Health and Royal Women's Hospital ('Junior Doctors class action') (Federal Court, ongoing) - underpayment class action - with K Burke SC.

EMPLOYMENT/INDUSTRIAL MATTERS

General Manager of the Fair Work Commission v Diana Asmar (Stay Application) [2025] FCA 67 (Federal Court) - application to stay prosecution under the *Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009* (Cth) - with C Massy

Loram Pty Ltd v Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Industry Union [2024] FWCFB 44 (FWC Full Bench) – appeal from majority support determination – unled

Jolly v Sharma & Ors [2024] FCA 171 (Federal Court) - rules dispute in the Australian Rail, Tram and Bus Union - with E Brumby and C Massy.

Helen Woodlock v Parks Victoria [2024] FWC 3424 (FWC) – dispute arbitration under the Parks Victoria enterprise

agreement – unled

Veale v Drewmaster Pty Ltd [2024] FWC 400 (FWC) - unfair dismissal application - unled

In v Giri Australia Pty Ltd & Anor (No 2) [2024] FedCFamC2G 133 (Federal Circuit and Family Court) - default judgment application - unled

Slattery v Canard Consolidated Pty Ltd [2023] FedCFamC2G 198 (Federal Circuit and Family Court) - application for body corporate to be represented by a non-lawyer - unled

Rugg v the Commonwealth & Monique Ryan (Federal Court, resolved) - general protections and maximum weekly hours proceeding - with A Aleksov.

Pentridge Village v CFMMEU (Supreme Court of Victoria, resolved) - economic tort proceeding - with J Gurr and R Doyle SC.

Memberships

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