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Gavin practises in commercial and public law.

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Juris Doctor (First Class Hons)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

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EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Appellate | Employment Contracts | Statutory Employment Rights

TORT LAW

Class Actions | Product Liability | Major Torts

PUBLIC LAW

Constitutional Law | Taxation | White Collar Crime

Gavin specialises in commercial law, with a particular focus in class actions, tax, complex regulatory proceedings, and industrial law.

Current and recent cases include:

Allen v G8 Education Ltd [2024] VSC 487 – acting for the law firm on the first s 33ZDA(3) application (with William Edwards KC)
Tweed Bait Pty Ltd v Commonwealth – ongoing biosecurity and business interruption mass tort class action (with Lachlan Armstrong KC)
Dawson v Insurance Australia Ltd – ongoing consumer protection class action; recent judgments include [2024] VSC 808 (with Kate Burke SC)
Impiombato v BHP Ltd (with Rachel Doyle SC) - settled before trial
Santavas v Commissioner of Taxation [2025] ARTA 2515 – tax appeal for the Commissioner regarding early access to superannuation for investment purposes (unled)
ASIC v Walker Stores Pty Ltd (2026) 316 FCR 342 – consumer protection case for ASIC obtaining $33m in penalties and other relief for breaches of credit legislation (with Kateena O'Gorman SC and Eugenia Levine)
Prygodicz v Commonwealth (2026) 317 FCR 399 – Contradictor on the settlement of the Robodebt class action (with Lachlan Armstrong KC)
Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia v ZYR [2026] VCAT 507 – successful defence of nurse accused of professional misconduct (unled)
Department of Education v Commissioner of Taxation [2026] FCA 898 – appeal on the construction and application of superannuation legislation (with Catherine Pierce KC)

Before coming to the Bar, Gavin practised at Baker McKenzie and Gilbert + Tobin, and was associate to the Honourable Justice Nichols of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

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