

James Gray



James practices in commercial and regulatory law.

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Juris Doctor (Melb)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Admiralty & Maritime | Appellate | Aviation | Banking & Finance | Bankruptcy | Building & Construction | Class Actions | Commercial Arbitration | Competition | Consumer Credit | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities | Energy & Resources | Equity & Trusts | Insurance | Private International Law | Real Property | Residential & Retail Tenancies | Sports Law | Superannuation | Taxation | Wills & Probate | Regulatory Investigations

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

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PUBLIC LAW

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James' areas of expertise include commercial, construction, competition and consumer law. He also has public law experience acting for and against government regulators.

Before coming to the Bar, James was an Associate to Justice Maxwell, President of the Court of Appeal. Prior to this role, he was a solicitor in the disputes practice of Herbert Smith Freehills. During his time at HSF, James worked on large and complex commercial disputes, as well as the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System.

James holds a Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne. He read with Premala Thiagarajan and his senior mentor was Elizabeth Bennett SC (as her Honour then was).

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Recent Cases

KEY RECENT MATTERS INCLUDE:

Bunnings Group Limited and Privacy Commissioner (Guidance and Appeals Panel) [2026] ARTA 130 – merits review of determination by the Privacy Commissioner – led by M Borsky KC, with C Winnett

Wadren Pty Ltd & Anor v Probuild Constructions (Aust) Pty Ltd & Ors (Supreme Court of Victoria) – proceeding brought in respect of alleged building design defects – led by J Gleeson KC, N Pane KC and P Thiagarajan SC.

Commissioner of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission v Oak Tasmania (Federal Court of Australia) – civil penalty proceeding under the NDIS Act – led by Maree Norton SC.

Commissioner of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission v Lifestyle Solutions (Aust) (Federal Court of Australia) – civil penalty proceedings under the NDIS Act – led by Maree Norton SC.

ACCC v The Good Guys Discount Warehouses Australia Pty Ltd (Federal Court of Australia) – consumer law proceeding brought under the ACL and ASIC Act led by Elizabeth Bennett SC (as her Honour then was) and Nicholas De Young KC.

In a Queensland terminal pricing arbitration – led by A McClelland KC.

Qantas Airways/Alliance Airways informal merger clearance – led by M Borsky KC and F Gordon SC, with A Barraclough & S Snow.

Applications for review of Honeysuckle Health Buying Group authorisation determination (No 2) [2022] ACompT 4 (Australian Competition Tribunal) – led by P Thiagarajan.

Dreamstreet Lending Pty Ltd v Weiss (No 2) [2023] FCA 684 – breach of contract, restraint of trade and inducement of breach of contract – led by P Wallis KC.

Wilson Pateras Accounting Pty Ltd v Farmer (Federal Court of Australia, settled out of court) – breach of contract, restraint of trade and inducement of breach of contract – led by P Wallis KC.

Proceedings in the Major Complex Financial Proceedings List of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1) – led by B Tulloch.

Acting for the Gymnastics Ethics Foundation (GEF) in an appeal from the Disciplinary Commission of the GEF –

led by P Thiagarajan.