

Kathryn J Browne



Kathryn practises in commercial law and public law. She has a particular interest in complex and strategic litigation.

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COMMERCIAL LAW

Class Actions | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts |
Banking & Finance | Competition | Consumer Credit | Residential & Retail Tenancies | Appellate |
Commercial Arbitration | Corporate Insolvency | Private International Law | Real Property

TORT LAW

Class Actions | Common Law | Major Torts | Defamation | Inquests | Product Liability | Professional
Negligence | Appellate | Commissions & Inquiries | Negligence | Personal Injury

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Employment Contracts | Public Sector Appeals | Statutory Employment Rights | Work Health & Safety |
Workers Compensation | Appellate | Discrimination | Industrial Disputes

PUBLIC LAW

Aged Care | Customs Law | Extradition Law | Environment | Freedom of Information | Guardianship &
Administration | Immigration | Planning & Local Government | Public International Law | Administrative
Law | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law | Discrimination |

Kathryn appears led and unled, for and against ASX-listed companies, liquidators, insurers and government bodies. She appears in Victoria and in other state and Federal jurisdictions.

Kathryn is regularly briefed in class actions, including to advise on potential new class actions under investigation.

Before coming to the Bar, Kathryn was a senior associate at Slater and Gordon, where she worked on shareholder, consumer and common law class actions. From 2021 to 2024, Kathryn worked on the *Allen v G8 Education* class action, the first Australian proceeding in which contingency fees were ordered and approved, pursuant to a group costs order.

Before practising as a solicitor, Kathryn was an associate at the Supreme Court of Victoria, first to the Honourable Justice Croft AM (2018 to 2019) and then to the Honourable Justice Nichols (2019 to 2020). As an associate, Kathryn assisted on commercial, corporations, contractual and property disputes, class actions, tax appeals and arbitration-related matters.

Kathryn read with Raini Zambelli. Her senior mentor is Fiona Forsyth KC.

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Recent Cases

RECENT CASES

Janssen v OnePath Custodians Pty Ltd (No 2) [2026] FCA 291 (Button J) – settlement approval application, acting for Slater and Gordon, led by William A D Edwards KC

Byrnes v Origin Energy Ltd [2026] VSC 97 (Waller J) – junior counsel to contradictor in the first application to vary a group costs order pursuant to s 33ZDA(3) of the *Supreme Court Act 1986* (Vic), led by Dr Oren Bigos

Weatherlake v Paladin – shareholder class action, uranium mining – including multiplicity & group costs order application: [2025] VSC 669 (Watson J), instructed by Slater and Gordon, led by Fiona Forsyth KC

Gleeson v Apple (2025) 76 VR 622 (Watson J) – consumer class action, tort – discontinuance application, instructed by Banton Group, led by Raini Zambelli

Mumford v EML Payments – shareholder class action, fintech – including group member definition amendment application: [2025] VSC 203 (Delany J), instructed by HSF Kramer, led by Dr Ruth Higgins SC, Tamiaka Spencer Bruce SC and Karan Raghavan