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Peter Willis SC appears and advises in a wide range of corporate and commercial and public law matters.

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Bachelor of Laws (First Class Hons)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Banking & Finance | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities |
Energy & Resources | Equity & Trusts | Private International Law

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Constitutional Law | Judicial Review | Native Title |
Planning & Local Government | Public International Law

He also appears before the High Court and in VCAT and Planning Panels Victoria. His experience focuses on commercial law and equity, especially in financial services and resources, as well as public law (constitutional and administrative law, planning and environment law, international law and native title) for Government and private clients.

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific has recognised Peter as a leading Senior Counsel in Australia - The Bar, for Commercial Disputes.

He is Editor of the *Victorian Reports*, and Co-Editor of the *Commonwealth Law Reports*. He is past chair of List G Barristers, CommBar's Equity Section and the Bar's Human Rights Committee. He is a member of the Federal Court's mediation panel for Native Title cases and co-chair of the Australian Bar Association First Nations Issues Committee.

He has served as a director and compliance committee member of an Australian financial services licensee and as chairman of the Disciplinary Appeals Board of the Victorian Education department. He is Australian representative on the ILA's International Securities Regulation Committee of experts and a Senior Adviser to Transparency International Australia.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Peter was a partner of Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons) and acted in corporations and securities, commercial, banking and finance and resources transactions in Melbourne and London. He also served as Ministerial Adviser to two Federal Attorneys-General.

Recent Cases

[MAPA Pearls Pty Ltd v Haliotis Fisheries Pty Ltd \(2023\) 71 VR 581, \[2023\] VSCA 108; \[2022\] VSC 517; \[2023\] HCATrans 172](#)

[Secretary, DEECA v Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd \(2023\) 71 VR 137, \[2023\] VSC 353](#)

[Pugwall Pty Ltd v Arthur McKenzie Investments Pty Ltd \(2022\) 68 VR 559; \[2022\] VSCA 272; \[2023\] HCASL 54.](#)

[Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs v Montgomery \[2022\] HCATrans 51, 52](#)

[Asmar v Albanese \(2022\) 68 VR 1, \[2022\] VSCA 19; \(2021\) 67 VR 202, \[2021\] VSC 672; \[2022\] HCASL 71; Kairouz v Bracks \[2021\] VSC 671](#)

[Mt Wills Gold Mines Pty Ltd v Minister for Resources \(2022\) 66 VR 122; \[2022\] VSC 312](#)

[Next Stage Living \(Moonee Ponds\) v Ardmillan Place Nominees Pty Ltd \[2022\] VSC 89](#)

[Gardiner v Taungurung Land and Waters Council \[2021\] FCA 80](#)

[Love v Commonwealth; Thoms v Commonwealth \(2020\) 270 CLR 152](#)

[Jafari v 23 Developments Pty Ltd \[2019\] VSCA 201; \[2018\] VSC 404](#)

[Jafari v 23 Developments Pty Ltd \(2019\) 58 VR 288; \[2019\] VSC 333](#)

[Bright v Northern Land Council \[2018\] FCA 752](#)

[Gresham Property Investments Ltd v Global Consulting Services Pty Ltd \[2018\] NSWSC 141](#)

[Re Jervois Mining Ltd \(2016\) 117 ACSR 205; \[2016\] NSWSC 1650](#)

[Stewart v Atco Controls Pty Ltd \(2014\) 252 CLR 307; \[2014\] HCA 15](#)

[Victoria v Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union \(2013\) 218 FCR 172; \[2013\] FCAFC 160](#)

[Lovett on behalf of the Gunditjmara People v Victoria \[2007\] FCA 474](#)

[Yorta Yorta v Victoria \(2002\) 214 CLR 422](#)

Memberships

American Society of International Law

Australian Institute of Administrative Law

Energy and Resources Law Association (Australian Mining & Petroleum Law Assoc)

International Bar Association (Sections on Business Law and Energy, Environment & Resources Law)

International Law Association

Law Council of Australia (Business Law and International Law sections)

Victorian Planning & Environmental Law Association

Australian and New Zealand Law and History Society