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Richard Knowles KC has a broad practice in public law, regulatory law, commercial law and tort law

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Bachelor of Commerce
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Appellate | Negligence | Personal Injury | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Aged Care | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law | Customs Law | Discrimination | Extradition Law | Environment | Freedom of Information | Immigration | Judicial Review | Planning & Local Government | Privacy

He is regularly briefed to advise and appear for private and government clients in significant litigation in Victorian and Commonwealth courts and tribunals. He is listed by Doyle's Guide as a leading senior counsel in administrative law and public law. He is also listed in the latest edition of *The Best Lawyers in Australia* for immigration law and litigation.

Some examples of matters in which Richard has recently acted are:

Friends of Nyah Vinifera Park Inc v Minister for the Environment and Water & Anor [2026] FCA 584 (with Marcus Roberts) (administrative law)
Commissioner of Taxation v Alcoa of Australia Ltd [2025] FCA 651 (with Stephen Rebikoff SC and Sophie Molyneux) (freedom of information; legal professional privilege)
Secretary, Department of Health and Aged Care v M House Pty Ltd (2024) 304 FCR 297 (with Thomas Wood) (administrative law)
Ismail v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs (2024) 98 ALJR 196 (with Nicholas Swan) (immigration)
Frugtniet v Australian Securities and Investments Commission (2023) 296 FCR 77 (with Felicity Bentley) (statutory interpretation) (application for special leave to appeal dismissed: *Frugtniet v Australian Securities and Investments Commission* [2023] HCASL 95)
Australia Capital Financial Management Pty Ltd v Australian Financial Complaints Authority Ltd (2022) 164 ACSR 215 (with Simon Thomas) (financial services) (application for special leave to appeal dismissed: *Australia Capital Financial Management Pty Ltd v Australian Financial Complaints Authority Ltd* [2023] HCASL 27)
Mullett v Nixon [2022] VSCA 174 (with Daniel McCredden) (misfeasance in public office; malicious prosecution) (application for special leave to appeal dismissed: *Mullett v Nixon* [2022] HCASL 213)
Plaintiff M1/2021 v Minister for Home Affairs (2022) 275 CLR 582 (with Colette Mintz) (immigration)

Richard was one of the counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. He was also one of the counsel representing the State of Victoria in the Yoorrook Justice Commission.

Prior to coming to the Bar in 2004, Richard was a senior associate in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution team at Clayton Utz. Before Clayton Utz, he worked at the Australian Government Solicitor, the Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department, and the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet. He was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory in 1996.

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