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Caitlin O'Neil practises in public and commercial law.

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Juris Doctor (University of Melbourne)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts | Private International Law

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Appellate | Confidential Information | Discrimination | Employment Contracts | Industrial Disputes | Restraint of Trade | Statutory Employment Rights

TORT LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Commissions & Inquiries | Defamation | Inquests | Major Torts | Negligence | Product Liability | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law | Discrimination | Environment | Freedom of Information | Immigration | Judicial Review | Native Title | Privacy | Public International Law | White Collar Crime

Caitlin has broad experience acting for government, corporate and individual clients in judicial review, criminal and commercial proceedings. Since joining the bar, she has been briefed in matters concerning national security, suppression orders, migration, torts, breach of contract, discrimination and industrial law.

Previously, Caitlin was a Senior Lawyer at the Australian Government Solicitor where she acted in complex and sensitive matters at all levels of the judicial hierarchy. She has also worked in the competition and litigation teams at Gilbert + Tobin, assisting corporate clients to navigate commercial litigation, regulatory investigations and merger clearance processes.

Caitlin was Associate to the Honourable Justice Steven Rares at the Federal Court of Australia. She holds Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts (Honours in History) degrees from the University of Melbourne, both with first class honours. Caitlin teaches Remedies in the Juris Doctor program at the University of Melbourne.

Caitlin read with Kate Burke SC and her senior mentor is Kathleen Foley SC.

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Recent Cases

PUBLIC LAW

GQHJ v Minister for Immigration and Citizenship [2026] FCA 1305: judicial review application (unled)

Staunton v MHK [2026] FCA 546: interim control order application (led by Trent Glover SC)

Reid v Essential Services Commission [2026] VCAT 222: review of regulatory determination (unled)

McHugh v Commonwealth of Australia [2025] VSC 11: acting for the defendant in false imprisonment proceeding (led by Stephen Lloyd SC and Christopher Tran)

CFB23 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2024] FedCFamC2G 1240: judicial review application (unled)

Attorney-General v Temssah (No 2) [2024] VSC 328: application under Division 105A of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) (led by Elizabeth Bennett SC and Rowan Minson)

INFORMATION PROTECTION

Director of Public Prosecutions v Potter [2025] VSC 600: contested subpoena in conspiracy to murder prosecution (led by James Forsaith)

DPP v Duong [2024] VCC 182: appeared on behalf of the Commonwealth Attorney-General in foreign interference trial and sentencing (unled and led by Mark Hosking)

Applications for leave to appeal and suppression orders in tax proceeding (FCA, led by Daniel McInerney KC)

OTHER

Palmer v ASIC: applications relating to jurisdiction (*(No 2)* [2025] FCA 1425, led by Kathleen Foley SC) and

fragmentation of proceedings (*(No 3)* [2026] FCA 141, led by O Paul Holdenson KC, written materials)

Gorman v Speech Pathology Association of Australia Ltd [2025] VSC 4: oppression and breach of contract claim (led by Eugene White)

Loechel v Walker & Anor (Building and Property) [2025] VCAT 105: summary dismissal (unled)

De Jongh v Semsarian: acted for Ms de Jongh in proceeding under the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* (Cth) (FCA, led by Christopher Tran)

Inquest into the death of Benjamin Laurence Marshall: Coronial Division of the Magistrates Court of Tasmania (led by Zoe Maud SC and Melinda Jackson)