

# Carrie Rome-Sievers



Carrie Rome-Sievers is a commercial law barrister practising with a focus on insolvency and corporations law, equity and trusts, fraud, contract and restitution.

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#### COMMERCIAL LAW

Banking & Finance | Bankruptcy | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts

TORT LAW

Professional Negligence

She is experienced in advocacy, pleadings and opinion work principally in the Federal Court of Australia, the Supreme Court of Victoria, and the Court of Appeal. A selection of recent cases in which Carrie has been briefed is listed below.

Carrie appears for and advises liquidators, administrators, trustees, directors and creditors in a range of matters. An area of particular interest is trading trusts with corporate trustees in liquidation or receivership. Other areas of expertise include fraud, restitution and *Barnes v Addy* claims against third parties in cases of misuse of corporate or trust property. Carrie's publicly available articles and case reviews, on these and other areas, may be read on her website - <u>www.carrieromesievers.com</u>.

Carrie is also a nationally accredited mediator, and has experience conducting mediations remotely both interstate and internationally via Zoom.

#### Recognition

Best Lawyers in Australia – each year 2016-2025/6 inclusive – Insolvency and Reorganisation Law – Peer Review – published by the Best Lawyers Australia and the Australian (previously the AFR)

Doyles Guide of Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Junior Counsel – Victoria – each year 2017-2025 (latest) inclusive – Peer Review

Doyles Guide of Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Junior Counsel – Victoria – each year 2017-2024 (latest) inclusive – Peer Review

Doyles Guide of Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Junior Counsel – Australia – each year 2019-2023 (latest) inclusive – Peer Review

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### Recent Cases

In the matter of Sunstone Metals Ltd (VID624/2025) - application for urgent curative orders under s 1322(4) of the <u>Corporations Act 2001</u> (Cth) to address failures by a public company to issue cleansing notices upon the issue of shares by declaring on-sales valid and relieving shareholders of liability - unreported decision of O'Callaghan J, Federal Court of Australia, 20 May 2025

Snowdon Developments Pty Ltd (in liq) and Pivot Construction Group Pty Ltd (in liq) - Public examinations conducted in March 2025 in the Federal Court on behalf of the liquidators - leading Leo Freckelton

<u>Hudson, in the matter of ACB Group Pty Ltd (in liq)</u> [2025] FCA 90 - application by liquidator for directions under s 90-15 of the *Insolvency Practice Schedule (Corporations)*, Schedule 2 to the <u>Corporations Act 2001</u> (Cth) as to the application of company funds to meet the costs of compliance with environmental protection notices issued to the company under s 274 of the *Environmental Protection Act 2017* (Vic), and for retrospective approval of entry into a contract with environmental consultants under s 477(2B) - leading Panagiota Pisani

In the matter of Althea Group Holdings Ltd (VID62/2025) - application for urgent curative orders under s 1322(4) of the <u>Corporations Act 2001</u> (Cth) to address failures by a public company to issue cleansing notices upon the issue of shares by declaring on-sales valid and relieving shareholders of liability - unreported decision of McElwaine J, Federal Court of Australia, 31 January 2025

<u>Re Cameron Lane Pty Ltd (in liq)</u> [2024] VSC 202 - application by liquidator of a trustee company under s 488 of the Corporations Act for special leave to distribute surplus funds of a trust, and under s 480(d) for a release and for the company to be deregistered - decision of Gobbo AsJ

ACN 073 705 263 v Australian Trailer Solutions Group Pty Ltd (Supreme Court of Victoria S ECI 2023 00552) breach of contract for sale of business, failure to pay balance of purchase price, misleading and deceptive conduct alleged - leading Nicole Tyson

Unnamed case in the Supreme Court of Victoria, 2023-4 - company funds misdirected for gambling at casinos -Public examinations conducted on behalf of the liquidators - leading Rebecca McCarthy then Jessica Apel

Unnamed case in the Federal Court, 2023 - application to replace liquidators - decision of O'Callaghan J

In the matter of Jay Invest Property Pty Ltd; Kukuy v Holden (Court of Appeal of Victoria S EAPCI 2023 0026) - appeal of decision below to appoint the liquidator as receiver of the assets of a trust - leading Leo Freckelton

<u>ADG Digital Pty Ltd v Trigon Trading Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)</u> [2023] FCA 232 - application for stay of pre-administration order that \$5.9m of funds paid in from a bank in the Bahamas and held in Court be released to the plaintiff - digital asset trading company in administration - plaintiff claimed funds paid into Court had been held for it on (a quistclose) trust - r 41.03 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth) - Part 5.3A, ss 440D, 468, 447A of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) - decision of Button J

<u>Holden v Kukuy (No 2); Re Jay Invest Property Pty Ltd (in liq)</u> [2023] VSC 54 - application by liquidator for appointment as receiver of trust assets with power to sell - decision of Elliott J

Bull & Bear Vineyards Pty Ltd (in liq) v Entain Group Pty Ltd VID756/2021 (Federal Court) - company funds misdirected for online gambling - Public examinations conducted on behalf of a liquidator in Melbourne in 2022 and 2023 - leading Rebecca McCarthy, then Leo Freckelton

<u>Wang v ASIC [2023] AATA 1568</u> - application by director for review of decision by ASIC to disqualify the director from managing corporations under s 206F of the *Corporations Act* - decision set aside

*Re Dysin Investment Partners Pty Ltd & Ors* [2021] - unreported decision of Lyons J, Victorian Supreme Court, 26 March 2021 - application for the winding up of DIP Anthony Street Pty Ltd on the just and equitable ground and in insolvency

*Re Dysin Investment Partners Pty Ltd & Ors* [2021] - unreported decision of Garde J, Victorian Supreme Court, 10 February 2021 - application for the appointment of provisional liquidators over the second defendant DIP Anthony Street Pty Ltd, a company holding the key assets of an unregistered investment scheme (property development), and for freezing orders over other companies and individuals

Bauen Concrete Pty Ltd (Receivers appointed)(in liq) v GVC Australia Pty Ltd (Federal Court, VID490/2020) misdirection of company funds for gambling - claims against online gambling company for knowing receipt and knowing assistance (Barnes v Addy - both limbs), restitution, Black v Freedman Trust, unreasonable directorrelated transactions and uncommercial transactions (led by Scott Nixon SC, as he then was)

<u>*Re IPO Wealth Holdings No 2 Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2020] VSC 733</u> (6 Nov 2020) - application to wind up the IPO Wealth managed investment scheme companies on the just and equitable ground; and in insolvency in respect of the borrower company IPO Wealth Holdings Pty Ltd (trading as Mayfair 101 Holdings) (led by Jonathan Evans QC) - decision of Robson J

<u>Re IPO Wealth Holdings No 2 Pty Ltd [2020] VSC 549</u> (9 Sept 2020) – application for the receivers of the IPO

Wealth companies to be appointed provisional liquidators of the companies pending hearing of the application to wind up on the just and equitable ground - decision of Robson J

*Re IPO Wealth Holdings No 2 Pty Ltd* [2020] - unreported decision of Robson J, Victorian Supreme Court, 22 May 2020 - unregistered managed investment scheme - application by the trustee of the IPO Wealth Fund to appoint receivers to the SPV companies of the IPO Wealth group, having exercised its power as secured creditor to appoint receivers to the borrower company IPO Wealth Holdings Pty Ltd (trading as Mayfair 101 Holdings)

<u>*Re Waratah Group Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2020] VSC 523</u> – application by liquidators for appointment as receivers and managers of trust assets, alternatively for power of sale over trust assets - decision of Delany J

Hughes as liquidator of Apex Minerals NL and Apex Gold Pty Ltd v Eshuys & Ors (Federal Court in Western Australia - WAD144/2019) - Acting for the executive chairman of a formerly listed company and its subsidiary which had developed and operated gold projects in WA in an action for alleged insolvent trading - 2019-2020 - (led by Philip Crutchfield QC)

## Memberships

Law Council of Australia – Insolvency and Reconstruction Law Committee International Advocacy Training Committee, VicBar Commercial Bar Association of Victoria Women in Insolvency and Restructuring Victoria (WIRV) ARITA INSOL International Commonwealth Lawyers Association