

## Catherine Pierce



Catherine Pierce practises principally in taxation and commercial law

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### QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws (Hons)  
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### COMMERCIAL LAW

Banking & Finance | Class Actions | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts | Taxation

### TORT LAW

Negligence | Professional Negligence

### PUBLIC LAW

Commissions & Inquiries | Freedom of Information | Taxation

Catherine practices in taxation, commercial and public law. Catherine has also appeared in both international and domestic commercial arbitration.

Before joining the Bar, Catherine worked as a solicitor at Walkers Hong Kong and on secondment to King & Wood, where she advised in respect of international financial instruments and corporate and financial restructuring.

*Liability limited by a scheme approved under the Professional Standards Legislation*

## Recent Cases

### RECENT FEDERAL TAX CASES

Catherine has acted for both taxpayers and the Commissioner of Taxation in the High Court and Federal Court in the following cases:

*Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Thomas* [2018] HCA 31 (led by Justin Gleeson SC and Philip Looney QC)

*Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Racing Queensland Board* and *Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Scone Race Club Ltd* (2018, Federal Court of Australia, led by Philip Looney QC; decision reserved)

[\*Orica Ltd v Federal Commissioner of Taxation\* \[2015\] FCA 1399 \(Federal Court of Australia, led by Simon Steward QC, with Lisa Hespe\).](#)

### ONGOING FEDERAL TAX MATTERS

Advising a multinational company in relation to the application of anti-avoidance and transfer pricing provisions to certain debt instruments and currency swaps.

*Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Bell Group Limited* (led by Neil Williams SC)

*Federal Commissioner of Taxation v ACN 153 530 199 Pty Ltd* (led by Greg Davies QC).

*Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Caltex Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd* (led by Stephen Sharpley QC)

*Auctus Resources Pty Ltd v Innovation and Science Australia* (not led)

*Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Focus Metals Australia Pty Ltd* (not led)

### RECENT STATE CASES

[\*Commissioner of State Revenue v Nationwide Towing Services Pty Ltd\* \[2018\] VSC 262](#)

[\*Commissioner of State Revenue v Numo Pty Ltd and Hazy Pty Ltd\* \[2016\] VSC 274](#)

**COMMERCIAL CASES**

*Australia Wales Financial Management Pty Ltd ats Flash Lighting Company Inc.* (2018, Victorian Supreme Court; decision reserved)

*Court v Spotless Limited* ((2018, Federal Court; ongoing)

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