

Daniel Preston



Daniel practises in commercial law, with a focus on regulatory and competition and consumer law

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Prior to coming to the bar, Daniel was a partner in the Competition and Regulatory team at Herbert Smith Freehills, where he regularly advised clients in relation to the application of the Australian Consumer Law and the Competition and Consumer Act.

Since coming to the bar, Daniel has represented clients in a range of commercial matters in various courts and tribunals including before VCAT, the Magistrates Court, Supreme Court and Federal Court and also in examinations conducted by the ACCC under s155 of the Competition and Consumer Act. He also regularly advises clients in relation to competition and regulatory matters.

Daniel is recognised in Doyle's Guide as one of Australia's leading competition law junior counsel, as a Rising Star by Legal 500 and in Who's Who Legal - Australia and New Zealand (2022) for his expertise in competition law. Daniel read with Justin Graham and his senior mentor was Michael O'Bryan KC (now O'Bryan J).

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Recent Cases

Application by Flexigroup Ltd (No 2) [2020] ACompT 2 (Australian Competition Tribunal) (unled)

NZ Iron Sands Holdings v Toward Industries Ltd and Taharoa Ironsands Ltd (High Court of New Zealand: CIV 2017-404-1975) (J E Hodder KC) - settled during trial

ACCC v Pacific National Pty Ltd & Ors (No 2) [2019] FCA 669 (led by Philip Crutchfield KC and Andrew McClelland KC, with Caryn van Proctor and Alice Muhlebach)

Appeals from VCAT to the Supreme Court: *Kornucopia Pty Ltd v Zhang* [2019] VSC 439 (unled)

The Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (for Australian Super) (led by Michael O'Bryan KC)

Application for summary judgment (Federal Court) – *Cargill Consulting Limited v BTAC Coal Pty Ltd* (Unled) (Settled prior to judgment)

Penalty proceedings for contraventions of the ASIC Act and Corporations Act: *ASIC v Wealth & Risk Management Pty Ltd & Ors* [2018] FCA 59 (Unled)