

James Claridge



James practises in all areas of commercial law

QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Laws (Cambridge)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Banking & Finance | Class Actions | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes |
Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts | Taxation

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Confidential Information | Copyright & Designs | Patents | Trade Marks

TORT LAW

Class Actions | Commissions & Inquiries | Major Torts

PUBLIC LAW

Aged Care | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law | Judicial Review |
Taxation | White Collar Crime

James has substantial experience in contract disputes, competition and consumer law, corporate and insolvency law, property and class actions. James also has public and regulatory law experience, having acted for and against regulators and in Royal Commissions.

Before coming to the bar, James was a solicitor in the commercial litigation group of Herbert Smith Freehills. He holds a LLM from the University of Cambridge, having attained first class honours at an undergraduate level in Australia. His graduate studies primarily concerned private international law, restitution and statutory interpretation.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under the Professional Standards Legislation

Recent Cases

SIGNIFICANT MATTERS IN WHICH JAMES HAS BEEN BRIEFED INCLUDE:

Acting for Timbercorp Finance Pty Ltd (in liq) in substantial debt recovery proceedings, including proceedings with counterclaims alleging misleading or deceptive conduct and contraventions of Ch 5C of the Corporations Act (led by P Solomon KC, with C Parkinson and J Grant): *Timbercorp Finance Pty Ltd (in liq) v De Vries* [\[2021\] VSC 37](#); *Timbercorp Finance Pty Ltd (in liq) v Broderick* [\[2021\] VSC 88](#);

Acting for a group of Honda dealers in proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria relating to the termination of their dealership agreements (led by N De Young KC): *Brighton Automotive Holdings Pty Ltd & Ors v Honda Australia Pty Ltd & Anor* [\[2021\] VSC 619](#);

Acting for a property developer in litigation concerning the proper construction of the Estate Agents Act (led by P Ehrlich KC): *St Kilda Estates (No 2) Pty Ltd v Melbourne Property Investments Real Estate Pty Ltd* [\[2021\] VSCA 92](#);

Acting for the successful plaintiff in proceedings in the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory alleging fraud and unconscionable conduct in relation to the transfer of legal title to land (led by A Wyvill SC, with P Morgan): *Que Noy v Qadir & Anor (No 2)* [\[2021\] NTSC 26](#);

Acting for the ACCC in opposition to applications for relief from the Harman undertaking, and in various investigations concerning potential contraventions of competition and consumer law;

Acting for various aged care providers and their executives in relation to hearings of the Aged Care Royal Commission in Victoria and Tasmania (led by H Austin KC);

Acting for the plaintiff in proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria arising from the purported termination of a long-term distribution agreement, involving allegations of restraint of trade and unfair contract terms (led by N De Young KC);

Acting for the plaintiff in relation to a takeover scheme of arrangement (led by O Bigos KC).