

Jillian Williams



Jill practises primarily in commercial law

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Civil Law (Oxford)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Class Actions | Commercial Arbitration | Competition | Contractual Disputes | Insurance | Private
International Law | Taxation | Regulatory Investigations

TORT LAW

Commissions & Inquiries | Common Law | Negligence | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Aged Care | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law |
Public International Law | White Collar Crime

She has particular experience in class actions, competition and consumer law, tax, insurance, and corporations matters, and extensive trial experience. Jill has appeared for a range of leading corporations, private and public clients (including ASIC and ACCC) in proceedings in the Federal and Supreme Courts.

Before coming to the Bar, Jill was a Senior Associate at Allens Linklaters, where she worked on large-scale complex commercial, tax, and regulatory proceedings. She holds a Bachelor of Civil Laws (BCL) from the University of Oxford, as well as bachelor degrees in Commerce/Finance and in Law (first class honours) from Monash University. She is a previous Honorary Fellow at the University of Melbourne, Melbourne Law School, where she taught Corporate Insolvency law. Jill was a reporter for the Commonwealth Law Reports (2018 - 2023).

A list of selected appearances can be found under the cases tab below.

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Recent Cases

CLASS ACTIONS

Wisbey v UBS & Ors: class action relating to allegations of cartel conduct in the forex market, acting for a respondent bank (UBS) (led by Wendy Harris KC and Michael Borsky KC, with Jonathan Kirkwood, instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills) (Federal Court of Australia)

Buch / Gehrke v Freedom Foods: interlocutory applications, acting for the auditor of Freedom Foods (Deloitte) in a shareholder class action (led by Wendy Harris KC, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth) (Supreme Court of Victoria)

Sanders & Ors v Beach Energy: securities shareholder class action in relation to market representations and allegations of misleading or deceptive conduct (led by David Sulan SC, instructed by Shine Lawyers) (Supreme Court of Victoria)

Clime Capital v UGL Limited: interlocutory applications in a class action arising out of the construction of the Ichthys LNG facility (settled) (led by Oren Bigos KC, instructed by Phi Finney McDonald) (Federal Court of Australia)

COMMERCIAL & CORPORATIONS LAW

ASIC v Commonwealth Bank of Australia & Colonial First State: acting for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in civil penalty proceedings concerning the alleged provision of conflicted remuneration (led by Neil Young KC, with Peter Kulevski, instructed by Clayton Utz) (Federal Court of Australia)

National Australia Bank Limited v Nautilus Insurance Pte Ltd & Ors: appeared for NAB's captive insurer in an insurance dispute (see, [2019] FCA 899; (No 3) [2019] FCA 2139; (led by Vanessa Whittaker SC, instructed by King & Wood Mallesons) (Federal Court of Australia)

Tripod Farmers Pty Ltd v QBE Insurance & Calabro: insurance dispute involving allegations of misleading or deceptive conduct, tort and contract (led by Jim Delany KC (now Delany J), and then Michael Rush KC, instructed by Clyde & Co) (Supreme Court of Victoria)

Pirmax Pty Ltd v Kingspan Insulation Pty Ltd: dispute regarding alleged contraventions of the Australian Consumer

Law (led by Chris Archibald KC, instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills) (Federal Court of Australia)

Moulden v Ford Australia: appeared for Ford Australia in defending a misleading or deceptive conduct claim (unled, instructed by Allens)

Certain Underwriters at Lloyds & Anor ats Mercury Walch: construction of insurance policy, acting for underwriters (led by Chris Caleo KC, instructed by Gilchrist Connell) (Supreme Court of Victoria)

Fonterra Brands v Bega Cheese: acting for Fonterra in a contractual dispute with Bega (see, eg, (No 2) [2019] VSC 209); (No 3) [2019] VSC 391 (led by Gerard Dalton KC, with Peter Creighton-Selvay, instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler) (Supreme Court of Victoria)

Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (2018): acted for an industry superannuation fund (led by Warren Friend KC)

Index Traders Pty Limited and Ors v Juwai Holdings: application for interlocutory injunction (led by Michael Rush KC, instructed by Holman Fenwick) (Supreme Court of Victoria)

Slea Pty Ltd v Connective Services Pty Ltd & Ors; Mortgage Results Pty Ltd v Millsave Holdings Pty Ltd: interlocutory applications in oppression proceedings (see, [2017] VSC 327; [2017] VSC 704) (led by Bernie Quinn KC)

Eustice v State of Victoria & Ors (unled, instructed by Gilchrist Connell): appearing for defendant in tort claim

REGULATORY PROCEEDINGS

ACCC v H.J. Heinz Company Australia Limited: misleading or deceptive conduct claims, acted for respondent (led by Rowena Orr KC and Nicholas De Young KC, instructed by Minter Ellison) (Federal Court of Australia)

Application for merger authorisation clearance by B.P Petroleum in proposed acquisition of Woolworths petrol stations, acted for the ACCC

Australian Securities and Investments Commission ats Allegra Financial Services (see, [2020] AATA 6008): appeared for ASIC unled, review of decision to refuse an Australian Financial Services Licence application

Australian Securities and Investments Commission ats Erhardt (see, [2018] AATA 4785) (unled): appeared for ASIC in application regarding a director disqualification ban

Australian Securities and Investments Commission ats Evans (unled) (settled): appeared for ASIC in review of a banning order pursuant to s 920 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)

Appeared for and advised various company directors in regulatory investigations, including s 19 examinations and responding to notices (unled)

CORPORATE INSOLVENCY

Retained by Korda Mentha, for the Administrator in relation to the Arrium Group litigation involving public examinations under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (instructed by Arnold Bloch Liebler)

Hastie Group Limited (in liq) & Ors v Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd & Ors: appeared for the Liquidator seeking judicial directions pursuant to s 90-20 of the Insolvency Practice Schedule (Corporations) to the Corporations Act

2001 (Cth) (led by Michael Wyles QC and Rodrigo Pintos-Lopez) (instructed by Hall & Wilcox) (Federal Court of Australia)

In the matter of Crema Group Pty Ltd (ACN 005 149 191): application for construction case statutory demand to set aside (unled) (instructed by Hall & Wilcox) (Supreme Court of Victoria)

Jill lectured in Corporate Insolvency at Melbourne Law School on the Melbourne Juris Doctor course.