

## Justin Brereton



Justin Brereton practises in a range of commercial, administrative and regulatory matters

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### QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws  
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### COMMERCIAL LAW

Banking & Finance | Bankruptcy | Class Actions | Consumer Credit | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities | Energy & Resources | Equity & Trusts | Insurance | Sports Law | Superannuation

### TORT LAW

Class Actions | Commissions & Inquiries | Common Law | Inquests | Major Torts | Negligence | Professional Negligence

### PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Aged Care | Commissions & Inquiries | Judicial Review | White Collar Crime

Justin practises in commercial, administrative, regulatory and tort law and has extensive experience in matters involving commercial fraud, directors' duties, professional negligence and class actions.

He appears in all jurisdictions at trial and appellate levels. He has also appeared in Royal Commissions, Inquiries and Inquests and is often briefed to appear on injunctions and freezing order applications.

Justin regularly provides advice to both government agencies and business particularly in highly regulated industries such as financial services. In that context he regularly works directly with in-house counsel.

From 2016 to 2021, Justin has been continuously recognised by Best Lawyers in the area of class action litigation.

Before signing the Bar Roll, Justin was employed as a senior lawyer in the law enforcement directorate of ASIC. In that context, Justin was responsible for high profile matters across all areas of ASIC's jurisdiction, including matters of corporate finance, consumer protection and law reform, particularly in the area of superannuation.

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## Recent Cases

### RECENT HIGH-PROFILE CASES

COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Inquiry - appearing for Victorian Government Service Providers

Financial Services Royal Commission - advising and appearing for one of Australia's best performing superannuation funds

Kilmore and Murrindindi Bushfire class actions - appearing for the CFA and DEPI in negligence claims

Inquiry into the CFA Training College at Fiskville

Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry - appearing for the fire services

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse

2009/10 Bushfires Royal Commission - appearing for the State of Victoria in relation to "systemic issues" including the economic and safety regulation of the electricity industry, the funding of fire services and the adequacy of emergency communication systems

Mediterranean Shipping Company - appearing for one of the world's largest shipping companies in commercial disputes relating to breaches of directors duties and the tort of conspiracy

AWB - acting for ASIC in various aspects of its investigation and subsequent litigation arising from alleged breaches of directors duties

Westpoint, Great Southern & Opes Prime - advising and appearing for financial service providers and other professionals involved in these matters, including in claims of professional negligence

Acting for various sporting organisations - advising and appearing for administrative bodies such as the Football Federation of Victoria and sporting clubs, including AFL football clubs in

commercial disputes

Case citations will be provided upon request.

## Memberships

Victorian Bar - Commercial Bar Association