

## Lara O'Rorke



Lara has a broad practice in commercial law, acting for and against companies, individuals, government bodies and owners corporations.

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### QUALIFICATIONS

Juris Doctor (Melb)  
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### COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Banking & Finance | Bankruptcy | Building & Construction | Class Actions | Commercial Arbitration | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities | Energy & Resources | Equity & Trusts | Insurance | Real Property | Residential & Retail Tenancies | Sports Law | Superannuation | Taxation | Wills & Probate

### EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Appellate | Confidential Information | Restraint of Trade

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Appellate | Confidential Information | Copyright & Designs | Media & Entertainment | Trade Marks

### TORT LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Commissions & Inquiries | Common Law | Defamation | Negligence | Product Liability | Professional Negligence

### PUBLIC LAW

She is regularly briefed to appear, led and unled, in state and federal courts and tribunals, and to advise on commercial law and regulatory issues.

Lara read with Banjo McLachlan. Her senior mentor was Dr Catherine Button QC (as her Honour then was).

Prior to joining the Bar, Lara was a Senior Associate at Arnold Bloch Leibler, and a solicitor at Clayton Utz, where she worked on a variety of matters including the Banksia class action, building, property and construction disputes, wills and estate disputes, insolvency disputes (including the Sargon Capital and Raylan Group collapses), banking and finance disputes and judicial review applications in taxation and stamp duty disputes.

Lara holds degrees in Law and Media & Communications from The University of Melbourne.

Since coming to the bar, Lara has been briefed in a variety of matters. See the list outlined below in the 'Recent Cases' tab.

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## Recent Cases

Acting for the plaintiff in a class action brought in the Supreme Court of Victoria (led by William AD Edwards KC and Alexander Edwards)

Acting for the respondent to a class action brought in the Federal Court of Australia, including by appearing at trial prior to settlement (led by Philip Crutchfield KC, Kathleen Foley SC and Banjo McLachlan, instructed by Arnold Bloch Leibler)

[Luke v Aveo Group Limited \[2022\] FCA 92](#)

[Luke v Aveo Group Limited \(No 2\) \[2022\] FCA 1072](#)

Acting for a registered financial services provider operating in the CFD and FX markets in proceeding commenced in the Supreme Court of Victoria (led by Geoffrey Kozminsky)

Acting for a wholly owned subsidiary of Australia Post in an urgent interlocutory injunction application and an expedited appeal to the Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia:

[StarTrack Express Pty Ltd v TMA Australia Pty Ltd \[2023\] FCA 1271](#) (led by Rob Heath KC)

[StarTrack Express Pty Ltd v TMA Australia Pty Ltd \[2023\] FCAFC 200](#) (led by Hamish Austin KC and Andrew McRobert)

Acting for one of the respondents, Sleat Pty Ltd, in the appeal to the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria in [Millsave Holdings Pty Ltd v Connective Group Pty Ltd \[2023\] VSCA 326](#) (led by Michael Hodge KC, Kathleen Foley SC, Geoffrey Kozminsky and Colette Minz)

Acting for an overseas based subpoenaed party in proceedings commenced by Rahul Goyal and Michael Korda in their capacity as receivers and managers of innovative 3D Systems Pty Ltd (receivers and managers appointed) (led by Albert Dinelli KC)

Acting for a "big four" bank in Supreme Court of Victoria proceedings concerning debt recovery and the enforcement of securities (led by Hamish Austin KC)

Acting for a private entity in Supreme Court of Victoria proceedings commenced against multiple defendants for

breach of trust, knowing assistance and breach of contract (led by Rob Craig KC and Roxanne Burd)

Acting for a defendant and plaintiff by counterclaim in multiple Supreme Court of Victoria proceedings, including by appearing at trial prior to settlement (led by Peter Cawthorn KC and Sarah Worsfield)

Acting for a defendant and third party claimant in Supreme Court of Victoria proceedings commenced by Orora Limited (led by Suresh Senathirajah KC and Adam Rollnik)

Acting for a subpoenaed party in Supreme Court of Victoria proceedings commenced against Sleeping Duck Pty Ltd

Acting in the [Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence \(led by Banjo McLachlan\)](#)

Acting for a member of the United Petroleum group of companies in Supreme Court of Victoria proceedings to remove a restrictive covenant (led by Sam Horgan KC)

[Viva Energy Refining Pty Ltd v Sumervale Pty Ltd & Anor \[2022\] VSC 773](#)

Acting for the Australian Federal Police in cases brought under the Proceeds of Crime Act (led by Rob Craig KC)

## Memberships

Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association, Law Institute of Victoria