

Richard Knowles KC



Richard Knowles KC has a broad practice in public law, regulatory law, commercial law and tort law

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Commerce
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Sports Law | Regulatory Investigations

TORT LAW

Appellate | Negligence | Personal Injury | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Aged Care | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries |
Constitutional Law | Customs Law | Discrimination | Extradition Law | Environment | Freedom of
Information | Immigration | Judicial Review | Planning & Local Government | Privacy

Richard is regularly briefed to advise and appear for private and government clients in significant litigation in Victorian and Commonwealth courts and tribunals.

Richard has acted in a diverse range of public law matters, including in recent times matters relating to aged care, defence procurement, financial services, animal exports, customs duties, credit providers, environmental and cultural heritage, immigration and citizenship, and whistleblowers. He is listed by Doyle's Guide as a leading senior counsel in administrative law and public law. From March 2019 until early 2021, he was one of the counsel assisting the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

Prior to coming to the Bar in 2004, Richard was a senior associate in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution team at Clayton Utz. Before Clayton Utz, he worked at the Australian Government Solicitor, the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, and the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under the Professional Standards Legislation

Recent Cases

SOME EXAMPLES OF CASES IN WHICH RICHARD HAS RECENTLY ACTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Plaintiff M1/2021 v Minister for Home Affairs [2022] HCA 17 (with Colette Mintz) (statutory interpretation; immigration law)

Anasis v Hume City Council [2020] VSC 620 (with Edwina Smith) (environmental enforcement orders)

Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Hutchison [2020] FCA 978 (with Stephen Lloyd SC) (regulation of financial services providers)

Minister for Home Affairs v G [2019] FCAFC 79; (2019) 266 FCR 569 (with Christopher Tran) (validity of government policy)

Frugniet v Australian Securities and Investments Commission [2019] HCA 19; (2019) 266 CLR 250 (with Stephen Lloyd SC) (statutory interpretation; spent convictions)

Plaintiff M174/2016 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection [2018] HCA 16; (2018) 264 CLR 217 (with Justin Gleeson SC) (statutory interpretation; immigration law)

Anderson v City of Stonnington [2017] VSCA 229; (2017) 227 LGERA 176 (dedication of public highways)