

Thomas Rawlinson



Tom Rawlinson practises in all areas of commercial, regulatory and public law.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Music (Adelaide)
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Master of Laws (Columbia)

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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Aviation | Banking & Finance | Bankruptcy | Class Actions | Commercial Arbitration |
Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities |
Energy & Resources | Equity & Trusts | Insurance | Private International Law | Real Property | Residential &
Retail Tenancies | Superannuation | Regulatory Investigations

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Confidential Information | Discrimination | Employment Contracts | Work Health & Safety

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Information Technology | Media & Entertainment | Privacy & Data Protection | Telecommunications

TORT LAW

Class Actions | Defamation | Major Torts | Product Liability | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law |
Immigration | Judicial Review

Tom Rawlinson practises in all areas of commercial, regulatory and public law. He has particular interests in class actions (including commercial class actions, product liability, and mass torts), business litigation, judicial review (in all contexts), and advising government departments on issues of statutory interpretation.

Tom also accepts briefs involving commercial, corporate and financial crime, criminal appeals (in all areas), and employment law.

Tom is also a Lecturer at Melbourne Law School, where he lectures in administrative law.

Before coming to the Bar, Tom practised as a senior associate at Phi Finney McDonald in Melbourne, an associate at Kaplan Hecker & Fink in New York, and an associate at Allens in Melbourne. Tom is admitted as an attorney in New York and has appeared in U.S. federal courts and New York state courts.

Tom was an associate to the Hon Justice Nettle AC at the High Court of Australia and the Hon Chief Justice Riley AO at the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory.

Tom graduated from Melbourne Law School ranked second in his cohort, winning four subject prizes and the prize for Top Student. He was an Editor of the *Melbourne University Law Review*. Tom also has a Master of Laws from Columbia University, where he graduated a James Kent Scholar.

Tom read with Sarala Fitzgerald and his senior mentor is Elizabeth Bennett SC.

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Recent Cases

LCM Funding Pty Ltd v Stanwell Corporation Limited [2022] FCAFC 103 (Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia). Appeal regarding application of managed investment scheme legislation to class action litigation funding. Junior counsel to court-appointed contradictor William A D Edwards.

Southernwood v Brambles Limited, VID972/2018 (Federal Court of Australia). Shareholder class action; briefed by the representative applicants to appear at trial. Led by Bernie Quinn KC, with William A D Edwards and Tim Chalke. (Judgment reserved.)

Yong v Westpac Banking Corporation, VID1373/2019 (Federal Court of Australia). Shareholder class action; briefed by the representative applicant. Led by Elizabeth Collins SC, with Dion Fahey. (Ongoing.)

Corum Systems Pty Ltd v Fred IT Group Pty Ltd, S ECI 2020 02683 (Supreme Court of Victoria). Joint venture dispute involving breach-of-contract and restitution claims; briefed by plaintiff to assist in evidence preparation and to appear at hearing of discovery dispute. Led by Peter Wallis KC, with Sam Ure. (Judgment reserved.)