

Alison Martyn



Alison Martyn practises in commercial and public law.

QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Laws (Dist) (London School
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Class Actions | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Regulatory Investigations

TORT LAW

Class Actions | Major Torts | Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

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

Alison acts for companies, government entities, directors and other individuals across a broad range of matters. Those matters include class actions, regulatory investigations, judicial review proceedings, breach of contract cases, negligence claims and consumer law proceedings.

Before coming to the Bar, Alison was a Senior Associate at Herbert Smith Freehills where she specialised in class actions and other large-scale disputes for clients in the government, financial services and life sciences sectors. Alison also previously worked as a solicitor at Clayton Utz in the litigation team and at the UK Government Legal Department in the public law litigation division.

She was an Associate to the Honourable Justice John Griffiths at the Federal Court of Australia.

Alison was educated at the London School of Economics (Master of Laws with Distinction) and the University of Melbourne (Juris Doctor, Bachelor of Arts).

Alison is a monitor of publications by the Commercial Bar Association of the Victorian Bar in the area of competition and consumer law.

Alison read with Fiona Batten. Her senior mentor is Wendy Harris KC.

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Recent Cases

COMMERCIAL LAW

Pacific Current Group Limited v Fitzpatrick [2024] FCA 1480, acting for the company in its own right in the derivative proceeding, led by Philip Solomon KC, appearing unled during the five-week trial with respect to confidentiality and privilege claims and instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills.

Kilah v Medibank Private Ltd (No 2) [2024] VSC 519, acting for the defendant in the shareholder class action concerning a “data breach”, as well as in the consumer class action (*McClure v Medibank Private Ltd*) and regulatory proceeding (*Australian Information Commissioner v Medibank Private Ltd*), led by Neil Young KC and Nicholas de Young KC with Jennifer Findlay/Julia Watson and instructed by King & Wood Mallesons.

Compumod Investments Pty Ltd v Universal Equivalent Technology Ltd (Settlement Approval No 2) [2024] FCA 917, acting for the funder in a class action settlement approval, unled and instructed by Mackay Chapman.

Wawryk v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd (Subpoena Ruling) [2024] VSC 120 and *Wawryk & Anor v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd (Costs Ruling)* [2024] VSC 186, acting for the defendant in the class action concerning motor vehicle diesel engine emissions, led by Jonathan Kirkwood SC with Geoffrey Kozminsky and instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills.

Ghee v BT Funds Management Limited [2023] FCA 1553, acting for the funder in a class action settlement approval, led by Nicholas de Young KC and instructed by Mackay Chapman.

DA Lynch v Star Entertainment Group; Drake v Star Entertainment Group; Huang v Star Entertainment Group; Jowene v Star Entertainment Group [2023] VSC 561, acting for a plaintiff in a class action multiplicity dispute, led by Elizabeth Collins SC with Eugenia Levine and instructed by Phi Finney McDonald.

PUBLIC LAW

DOH19 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs [2024] FedCFamC2G 711, acting for the Minister in an application for judicial review of a decision by the Immigration Assessment Authority, unled and instructed by Mills Oakley.

DPGF v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs (Migration) [2024] AATA 556, acting for the applicant in an application for merits review, and the earlier remittal by the Federal Court to the Tribunal, unled and instructed by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Taylor v Tang [2023] VSC 373, acting for VCAT members in an application for leave to appeal a VCAT decision, led by Liam Brown SC and instructed by the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office.

Memberships

Competition & Consumer Law – Monitor of publications by the Commercial Bar Association of the Victorian Bar