

Catherine Pierce SC



Catherine Pierce SC practises principally in taxation and commercial law

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws (Hons)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Banking & Finance | Class Actions | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Equity & Trusts | Taxation

TORT LAW

Negligence | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Commissions & Inquiries | Freedom of Information | Taxation

Catherine practises in taxation, commercial and public law. Catherine has also appeared in both international and domestic commercial arbitration.

Before joining the Bar, Catherine worked as a solicitor at Walkers Hong Kong and on secondment to King & Wood, where she advised in respect of international financial instruments and corporate and financial restructuring.

Catherine also previously worked as an interpreter in the French and Mandarin Chinese languages.

Catherine has been recognised in the Victorian Junior Counsel rankings of “*Doyle’s Guide to the Australian Legal Profession*” for her expertise in tax law.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under the Professional Standards Legislation

Recent Cases

RECENT FEDERAL TAX CASES

Catherine has acted for both taxpayers and the Commissioner of Taxation in the High Court and Federal Court in the following cases:

[*Commissioner of Taxation v Shell Energy Holdings Australia Ltd* \[2021\] FCAFC 496](#)

[*ACN 154 520 199 Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation* \[2020\] FCAFC 190](#)

[*Commissioner of Taxation v Douglas* \[2020\] FCAFC 220](#)

[*Commissioner of Taxation v Scone Race Club Ltd* \[2019\] FCAFC 225](#)

[*Commissioner of Taxation v Racing Queensland Board* \[2019\] FCAFC 224](#)

Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Thomas [2018] HCA 31 (led by Justin Gleeson SC and Philip Looney KC)

[*Orica Ltd v Federal Commissioner of Taxation* \[2015\] FCA 1399 \(Federal Court of Australia, led by Simon Steward QC, with Lisa Hespe\).](#)

[*Glencore Investment Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation* \[2019\] FCA 1432](#)

ONGOING FEDERAL TAX MATTERS

Advising multinational companies in relation to the application of anti-avoidance and transfer pricing provisions to certain debt instruments and currency swaps.

PepsiCo, Inc. v Commissioner of Taxation (diverted profits tax) (led by Eugene Wheelahan KC)

Stokely-Van Camp, Inc. v Commissioner of Taxation (diverted profits tax) (led by Eugene Wheelahan KC)

Commissioner of Taxation v Esso Australia Resources Pty Ltd (petroleum resource rent tax) (led by Stephen Sharpley KC)

RECENT STATE CASES

[Commissioner of State Revenue ats Numo Pty Ltd and Hazy Pty Ltd \[2016\] VSC 274](#)

[Lotus Oaks Pty Ltd as trustee for the Bozzo Family Trust v Commissioner of State Revenue \[2021\] VSC 388](#)

[Commissioner of State Revenue ats Nationwide Towing Services Pty Ltd \[2018\] VSC 62](#)

COMMERCIAL CASES

[Slea Pty Ltd v Connective Services Pty Ltd \[2022\] VSC 136](#)

[ACN 115 918 959 Pty Ltd v Hoeys Lawyers Pty Ltd \[2021\] VSC 79](#)

ONGOING COMMERCIAL CASES

HK Realway Pty Ltd v Thomson Geer Pty Ltd (led by Tim North KC)

ROYAL COMMISSIONS

Catherine appeared as counsel for the Australian Federal Police in the Royal Commission on the Management of Confidential Informants.

Memberships

Member of the Board of Directors of List G Barristers

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