

Haley Aprile



Haley Aprile has significant expertise in regulatory, commercial and public law.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws (Hons)(Mon)
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Banking & Finance | Bankruptcy | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities |
Equity & Trusts | Regulatory Investigations

TORT LAW

Commissions & Inquiries | Inquests

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Commissions & Inquiries | Constitutional Law | Judicial Review | White Collar Crime

Haley has a broad commercial law practice, with a particular interest in regulatory investigations and 'white collar' and corporate crime, corruption matters, and commissions and inquiries. She has appeared in a range of matters in various state courts and the Federal Court, including in:

- insolvency and corporations matters;
- confiscation and proceeds of crime matters;
- contractual and shareholder disputes; and
- regulatory investigations.

Prior to joining the Bar, Haley was a senior lawyer at a top tier national law firm, where she regularly appeared in Court and worked on a range of matters, including:

- complex commercial disputes;
- insolvency and corporations matters;
- fraud and 'knowing receipt' matters;
- regulatory investigations, including ASIC and IBAC matters; and
- public inquiries, including the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry.

Haley is currently undertaking a Masters of Laws at the University of Melbourne.

Haley read with Christian Juebner KC, and her senior mentor is Renee Enbom KC.

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Recent Cases

MAJOR CLIENTS AND MATTERS

Stroom Pty Ltd v Copyright Agency Limited, Copyright Tribunal of Australia

This matter, in which Haley instructed Luke Merrick, involved three separate proceedings in which her client, Stroom, together with two other media monitoring organisations, sought relief in respect of what they considered to be unreasonable licence terms to permit them to communicate copyright works to their respective customers. The proceedings were factually and legally complex and involved a number of interlocutory applications.

Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services

Haley was an integral part of the team acting for ASIC in the Royal Commission. She managed the collation, legal review, and production of documents to be produced pursuant to the many notices for production issued to ASIC. Haley was also heavily involved in the preparation of witness statements provided by various ASIC staff.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia/Bankwest; National Australia Bank, Bank of Queensland

Having worked for CBA and NAB for most of her legal career, Haley has a deep knowledge of banking matters and strong relationships with the clients.

Haley regularly acts on complex recovery matters during all stages of the dispute, as well as those matters where a customer has experienced fraud and is seeking to recover the funds lost from the Bank. These matters involve issues around proportionate liability, contractual interpretation and 'knowing receipt'.

IBAC investigation into alleged corruption in Casey City Council

Haley has managed, and continues to manage, all aspects of this matter. She prepared John Woodman for his five-day examination, was responsible for the privilege claims made by their clients over documents seized by IBAC, and was involved in reviewing and advising on the draft report.

Secondment to BP legal team

Haley was seconded to BP for three months to backfill the role of a Senior Lawyer. At the time, BP was involved in merger negotiations with Woolworths and was awaiting informal merger clearance from the ACCC. Accordingly, much of her work involved advising the business on the competition aspects of the proposed merger.

OZ Minerals securities class action

Haley acted for KPMG, and instructed Elizabeth Bennett SC in this matter, defending claims for contribution in relation to shareholders' claims for misleading and deceptive conduct, and breaches of continuous disclosure obligations.

Treasurer of Victoria

This matter was referred to Haley from one of Victorian Government contacts. It involved the construction of sections of the Gambling Act which imposed a levy of approximately \$46 million on each of Tatts Limited and Tabcorp. The Treasurer was ultimately successful, after a High Court special Leave Application made by Tatts and Tabcorp was refused.

International secondment to Hengeler Mueller

Haley was seconded to the disputes group based in Frankfurt, Germany, as part of Corrs' International Engagement Strategy. Her role was to strengthen the relationships between the two firms and assist Corrs with its networking activities in Europe. During her secondment, Haley regularly met with the Senior Trade & Investment Commissioner at Austrade, attended Austrade and other marketing events, met with Hengeler Partners from other offices and met with lawyers from firms including Slaughter & May and Bredin Prat.

Memberships

Law Institute of Victoria

Women in Insolvency & Restructuring Victoria (former Committee Member and Secretary)

Turnaround Management Association