

Jessica Apel



Jessica Apel practises in commercial and public law.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts
University of Queensland
Bachelor of Law (Honours)
University of Queensland
Master of Laws (First Class Honours)
University of Melbourne
Austrian Arbitration Academy Diploma
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Building & Construction | Class Actions | Climate Change | Commercial Arbitration |
Competition | Consumer Credit | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporations & Securities | Energy
& Resources | Real Property | Regulatory Investigations

TORT LAW

Defamation | Product Liability

PUBLIC LAW

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

Jessica has been briefed to appear in proceedings in state and federal courts and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. She has also advised on a variety of commercial law, public law and regulatory issues.

Before coming to the Bar, Jessica practised as a solicitor in the competition and commercial litigation teams at Ashurst, with a particular focus on competition and consumer law, energy law, regulatory investigations, civil penalty proceedings, and access regulation matters.

Jessica holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland, where she received multiple awards for academic achievement. Jessica also completed a Master of Laws (First Class Honours) from the University of Melbourne.

Jessica read with Andrew Barraclough and her senior mentor was Penny Neskovicin KC (as her Honour then was).

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Recent Cases

Port Philip Sea Pilots Pty Ltd v Auriga Pilots Melbourne Pty Ltd VID243/2023 – misleading or deceptive conduct (led by Kane Loxley, instructed by Holding Redlich).

Stathopoulos v Cremin & Anor S ECI 2022 01336 – property law dispute (led by Ian Waller KC (as his Honour then was) and Justin Graham KC, instructed by HWL Ebsworth).

Transit Pty Ltd & Ors v Arch Underwriting at Lloyd's (Australia) Pty Ltd & Ors S ECI 2021 01559; AMFR Holdings Pty Ltd & Ors v Arch Underwriting at Lloyd's (Australia) Pty Ltd & Ors S ECI 2021 01815 (judgment reserved) – insurance contract dispute (led by Hamish Austin KC with Andrew Cameron and Priya Wakhlu, instructed by Gadens).

Select Market & Financial Services Pty Ltd & Ors v Melbourne Victory Limited & Ors S ECI 2023 03227 – oppression proceeding (led by Hamish Austin KC, instructed by K&L Gates).

Albarbari v Charles Sturt University & Anor VID68/2020 – commercial dispute including allegations of breach of contract, negligence, misleading or deceptive conduct and equitable contribution (led by Hamish Austin KC, instructed by HWL Ebsworth).

Krapivensky v Brodsky [2023] VSC 591 – application for examination by deposition in advance of trial (led by Andrew Meagher, instructed by Coulter Legal).

WKBF and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs [2023] AATA 3728 – application for review of a decision by the Minister refusing to grant the applicant a protection visa (led by Elizabeth Bennett SC, instructed by Refugee Legal).

Jessica has also been briefed to advise in relation to issues concerning competition and consumer law, public law and fiduciary duties / equitable accessorial liability.