

Jessica Apel



Jessica Apel practises in commercial law and public law, with particular focus on competition, energy and other regulatory proceedings

QUALIFICATIONS

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

Appellate | Banking & Finance | Building & Construction | Class Actions | Climate Change | Commercial Arbitration | Competition | Consumer Credit | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Corporations & Securities | Energy & Resources | Insurance | Real Property | Regulatory Investigations | Sports Law | Taxation

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Restraint of Trade

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Confidential Information | Privacy & Data Protection | Telecommunications

TORT LAW

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

COMMERCIAL LAW

Transit Pty Ltd & Anor v Arch Underwriting at Lloyd's (Australia) Pty Ltd & Ors – appeal and cross-appeal (led by Nicholas De Young KC with Andrew Cameron).

Transit Pty Ltd & Anor v Arch Underwriting at Lloyd's (Australia) Pty Ltd & Ors [2024] VSC 485 – business interruption insurance (led by Hamish Austin KC with Andrew Cameron and Priya Wakhlu, instructed by Gadens).

Newman & Anor v Chubb S ECI 2024 02674 – insurance dispute (led by Hamish Austin KC with Sebastian Campbell, instructed by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers).

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).

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 Lawyers).

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

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

COMPETITION LAW

Epic Games, Inc & Anor v Apple Inc & Anor NSD1236/2020; *Epic Games, Inc & Anor v Apple Inc & Anor* NSD190/2021 (part of a large counsel team, led by Neil Young KC and with Tom Prince when appearing, instructed by Allens).

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Mastercard Asia Pacific Pte Ltd & Anor NSD401/2022 (part of a large counsel team, instructed by Johnson Winter Slattery).

PUBLIC LAW

Greenbot Pty v Clean Energy Regulator VID 588/2024 – judicial review proceeding (led by Tom Clarke, instructed by El-Amine Lawyers).

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 (as her Honour then was), 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.

Memberships

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