

## Julian Burnside AO KC



Julian Burnside AO KC practises principally in commercial litigation, trade practices and administrative law

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### QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Economics  
Bachelor of Laws

### CORRESPONDENCE

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### CHAMBERS

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### COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Banking & Finance | Bankruptcy | Class Actions | Commercial Arbitration | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Corporate Insolvency | Equity & Trusts | Insurance | Residential & Retail Tenancies

### EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Appellate | Employment Contracts

### TORT LAW

Appellate | Class Actions | Commissions & Inquiries | Common Law | Defamation | Negligence | Product Liability | Professional Negligence

### PUBLIC LAW

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

While maintaining a strong commercial practice, Julian has also developed a distinguished public law practice. He regularly appears in both first instance and appellate proceedings in the Supreme Court, and the Federal Court in Victoria and across other states. He also appears in the High Court of Australia.

Julian's landmark cases include successfully appearing for the Plaintiff in *Trevorrow v. South Australia* which was the first time a court recognised membership of the 'Stolen Generation' as a basis for legal compensation. He also successfully appeared before the Federal Court and in the High Court for the Maritime Union of Australia in the *Patrick Stevedores v MUA* litigation (the 'Waterfront Dispute').

In recent years Julian has become one of Australia's leading advocates in relation to Australia's treatment of asylum seekers and the protection of human rights and is also an accomplished author. In 2009 Julian was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for his work as a human rights advocate, and for his services to the arts and the law.

## Recent Cases

### Corporations Law

Counsel for NCSC in BHP takeover cases (takeovers: Supreme Court of Victoria)

Counsel for ACI in takeover case (takeovers: Supreme Court of Victoria)

Counsel for Respondent in *Autodesk v. Dyason* (computer copyright: Federal Court, High Court)

Counsel for Plaintiff in *Crittenden v. ANZ* (guarantees: Supreme Court of Victoria)

Counsel for Alan Bond in La Promenade prosecution (committal and trial, WA)

Counsel for Plaintiff in *Porteous v. Rinehart* (Corporations, trusts, fiduciary duties: Supreme Court of WA)

Counsel for Maritime Union of Australia in *Patrick Stevedores v. Maritime Union* (Corporations law, external administration, industrial law: Federal Court, High Court)

Counsel for Plaintiff in *Premier Developments v. Spotless* (Corporations, environmental law: Supreme Court)

### Trade Practices

Counsel for Applicant in *ACCC v. J. McPhee & Co* (trade practices, price fixing: Federal Court)

Counsel for Applicant in *ACCC v. Universal Music & Ors* (trade practices, exclusionary conduct: Federal Court)

Counsel for Respondent in *ACCC v. MUA & Ors* (trade practices, exclusionary conduct: Federal Court)

Counsel for Respondent in *ACCC v. SIP & Ors* (trade practices, exclusionary conduct: Federal Court)

Counsel for intervenor in *Melway v. Hicks* (trade practices, misuse of market power: High Court)

Counsel for Applicant in *ACCC v. Leahy Petroleum* (trade practices, price fixing: Federal Court)

Counsel for Plaintiff in *Mirvac v. La Rocca* (misleading and deceptive conduct: Supreme Court)

Counsel for Respondent individual in *ACCC v. Visy, Carroll & Ors* (trade practices, price fixing: Federal Court)

**Tort and Equity**

Counsel for Plaintiff in *Trevorrow v. South Australia* (stolen generation, personal injuries, fiduciary duties: Supreme Court of SA)

**Public Law**

Counsel for Applicant in *Ruhani v. Commissioner of Police No.1 and No. 2* (litigation relating to the Pacific Solution: High Court)

Counsel assisting Australian Broadcasting Authority in "Cash for Comment" inquiry.

**Memberships**

Victorian Society for Computers and Law, founding member

Liberty Victoria, past President

The Justice Project, founding member

Fortyfive Downstairs, Chair

The Mietta Foundation, Chair