

CATHERINE DERMODY

LLM, BA/LLB (Hons), PGDip EU Competition Law, GradDipEc

Catherine comes to the Bar with significant experience in competition and regulatory law, with a focus on network regulation, and merits and judicial review of regulatory decisions.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Catherine was a partner in the Competition and Regulatory practice at Gilbert + Tobin. Catherine was at Gilbert + Tobin for almost eight years, working in both the Sydney and Melbourne offices, and was made a partner in January 2010.

As a solicitor, Catherine specialised in regulatory law, in particular in the energy and telecommunications sectors. Catherine acted for both regulators and regulated entities in revenue and pricing matters as well as in judicial and merits reviews of regulatory decisions before appeals bodies, including the Australian Competition Tribunal.

Catherine has domestic and international experience in designing and advising on the implementation of competition and regulatory frameworks. Her international experience has been gained in diverse jurisdictions, including Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and Vanuatu.

Catherine also has experience in the public sector, commencing her career as a Graduate at the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission in 1998. She worked in both the Canberra and Melbourne offices, primarily in the area of telecommunications consumer protection and regulation. After six years at the ACCC, Catherine spent two years as a legal advisor at the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets in London.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Competition
- Consumer protection law
- Telecommunications and Broadcasting

RAHMIN de KRETSEr BCom, LLB

Rahmin accepts briefs in all litigious matters with a significant focus on criminal, quasi-criminal and disciplinary proceedings.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Rahmin developed a diverse general litigation practice at a boutique generalist firm in Melbourne's CBD. For nine years Rahmin appeared as a solicitor-advocate in a broad range of criminal matters.

Having had substantial exposure in criminal proceedings Rahmin has consequently developed and continues to develop his expertise in defending drug, assault, firearms, property/ deception, traffic and sexual assault offences. He has appeared in complex criminal proceedings at the committal and trial level.

As a solicitor Rahmin prepared a significant number of complex briefs for trial which has enabled him to consolidate the necessary preparation and research skills required to be an effective advocate.

Rahmin has also appeared in a number of quasi-criminal proceedings (Coroners Inquests, Confiscation matters, Legal Practice List at VCAT and Sporting Tribunals). He has defended Victorian Workcover Authority prosecutions under

the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 for workplace bullying (VWA v Rhys MacAlpine, Melbourne Magistrates' Court, 8 February 2010 and VWA v La HQ Pty Ltd, Sunshine Magistrates' Court 17 February 2012).

In the civil jurisdiction Rahmin has had carriage of a broad range of matters in the Magistrates' County and Supreme Courts. These matters include professional negligence claims, breach of directors' duties cases, contractual disputes, building and construction disputes, debt matters and tort claims.

Rahmin has regularly appeared in contested intervention order proceedings for both Applicants and Respondents.

Rahmin has also represented elite athletes in respect of contractual negotiations and provided advice on sponsorship agreements. He holds the position of Director on the Board of Swimming Victoria and through that role has undergone corporate governance training through the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Rahmin is currently reading with Sarah Leighfield.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law (Appellate)
- Criminal Law
- Inquests
- Licensing and Disciplinary Tribunals
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Professional Negligence
- Torts
- Intervention Orders

HOLLY RENWICK LLB

Holly Renwick comes to the bar with extensive experience in family/de facto law.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Holly was a Senior Associate in the family law division of a national law firm. While practicing as a Senior Associate, Holly had carriage of complex family property matters and challenging children's matters including child abduction and Hague Convention cases.

Holly also regularly appeared in contested proceedings in the Family Court and Federal Circuit Court.

Prior to working in family Law, Holly worked at the international firm, Minter

Ellison, both in New Zealand and Australia, and gained valuable experience in property law, specialising in high-profile property and infrastructure projects, major acquisitions, disposals and leases.

Holly accepts briefs in:

- family law/de facto financial and parenting matters;
- intervention orders;
- guardianship;
- criminal law matters;
- common law; and
- VOCAT.

Holly is reading with Andrew Strum. Her senior mentor is Martin Bartfeld QC.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Family Law and Guardianship
- Appellate
- Care and Protection
- Parenting Orders
- Property
- Criminal
- Proceeds of Crime/Money Laundering
- Fraud
- Drugs
- Property Offences
- Work Health and Safety
- Commercial Law
- Real Property

GERARD O'SHEA BA, LLB, LLM (ALP), M Mil Stud, Grad Dip Mil Law, psc(j)

Gerard comes to the Bar with dual careers in law and the military.

While in the Army, Gerard developed a broad in-house practice. He specialised in inquiries into service deaths and other sensitive and complex incidents. He also practised in freedom of information and privacy law, work health and safety, criminal and disciplinary matters, and wills and estates.

In 2013 Gerard O'Shea was appointed counsel assisting to a Chief of Defence Force Commission of Inquiry. Operationally, Gerard has deployed to Iraq, East Timor and Afghanistan. In 2010-11 he was the principal legal advisor to coalition forces in Uruzgan province. As a result of these experiences Gerard is skilled at providing for practical outcomes in a wide range of complex adversarial situations.

After leaving the Army Gerard became a senior associate at Sharpe & Abel. There he worked on general commercial matters, focusing on corporate advice, regulatory compliance and dispute resolution in the engineering and technology sectors.

Gerard is a graduate of the Australian Command and Staff College and has served as an aide to the Governor of Victoria.

Gerard practices mainly in administrative and criminal law. He has a particular interest in regulatory and compliance matters.

Gerard is reading with Ben Ihle and his senior mentor is Simon Marks QC.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Administrative law (judicial review)
- Administrative law (merits review)
- Corporations law
- Disciplinary proceedings
- Inquests/Inquiries
- Privacy/FOI
- WHS
- Proceeds of crime
- Criminal law
- Criminal law (appellate)
- Wills and probate / Guardianship

JAMES ANDERSON LLB (Hons), BA

James has practised in criminal, commercial and administrative law for nearly ten years.

In the six years prior to coming to the Bar he worked primarily as an Associate Public Defender at Victoria Legal Aid and Senior Lawyer at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (Darwin). In these positions he practised as counsel appearing in serious indictable crime; including jury trials, appeals (conviction and sentence), pleas and committals.

James has an interest in complex areas of the criminal law. He has appeared as counsel in matters relating to the Serious Sex Offenders (Detention and Supervision) Act, the Crimes (Mental Impairment and Fitness to be Tried) Act, the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act and in relation to compulsory examinations conducted by statutory bodies. He has appeared and

advised in relation to organised crime offences and anti-association laws. He has presented numerous CLE papers, particularly on the Evidence Act and the Criminal Procedure Act.

In 2012 James was accredited as a LIV Criminal Law Specialist.

James worked for three years at Blake Dawson (now Ashurst) in the Commercial Litigation team. He worked on commercial disputes in the Commercial List of both the Victorian and New South Wales Supreme Court. He also acted in relation to personal injury and property damage claims on behalf of statutory water authorities.

His administrative law experience includes acting in relation to the review of coronial decisions, migration decisions and the conditions of prisoner detention.

James is reading with Marcus Dempsey.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Criminal

- Appellate
- Crimes Against the Person
- Drugs
- Fraud
- Juvenile Justice
- Mental Illness
- Property Offences
- Sexual Assault
- Traffic
- White Collar and Corporate Crime

Common Law / Personal Injury

- Intentional Torts
- Negligence
- Professional Negligence
- Work Injury Damages
- Workers Compensation

Commercial

- Banking
- Competition
- Consumer protection law
- Contractual disputes
- Insurance

Public / Administrative

- Civil and Human Rights
- Discrimination
- Judicial Review and administrative law
- Merits Review

ELLEN GRANT JD, LL.M, BComp (InfoSys)

Ellen has a broad commercial and public law practice with particular expertise in taxation law.

Ellen's taxation expertise extends to matters concerning income tax, GST, stamp duty and other State taxes and she is available to advise and appear in these areas.

Immediately before coming to the Bar, Ellen was employed at the Victorian State Revenue Office where she acted for the Commissioner at various stages of the audit and dispute resolution process. During this time she developed particular expertise in State taxes as well as trusts, property law, administrative law and the determination of more complex taxation objections. She has also acted and appeared for the Federal Commissioner

of Taxation in relation to corporate and personal insolvency matters.

Ellen also has extensive experience in the private sector as a solicitor practicing in taxation and commercial law where she provided advice, structured transactions, reviewed and drafted transaction documents and applied for and negotiated rulings with the SRO and ATO.

Ellen holds Juris Doctor and Master of Laws degrees from the University of Melbourne as well as a Bachelor of Computing degree from Monash University.

Ellen is reading with Andrew Broadfoot. Her senior mentor is Fiona McLeod SC.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Income Tax
- Stamp Duty and other state taxes
- Real Property
- Trusts
- Wills and Probate
- Bankruptcy
- Corporate Insolvency
- Contractual Disputes
- Corporations Law
- Civil and Human Rights
- Constitutional Law
- Judicial Review and Administrative Law
- Merits Review

LUCY LINE BA, LLB (Hons), GDLP, BCL (Oxon)

Lucy practices in criminal, public and common law matters.

Immediately prior to coming to the Victorian Bar, Lucy worked for several months in the Australian Capital Territory as junior counsel representing David Eastman at the Eastman judicial inquiry. In 1995, Mr Eastman received a life sentence for murdering the Assistant Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police. The inquiry, ordered in 2012, spanned three years. Lucy was led by Mark Griffin QC. Lucy focused upon challenging the forensic evidence upon which the prosecution had relied. As a result of the inquiry, Mr Eastman was released from prison after spending 19 years in jail.

Lucy graduated as a University Medallist from the University of Tasmania. She was awarded the prize for the Best Graduating Law Student and the prizes for Evidence Law, Administrative Law and Property Law. Lucy went on to complete a Bachelor of Civil Law at the University of Oxford in 2011. While at Oxford, Lucy was employed as a Research Assistant to university staff in the area of torts law. She also completed a mini-pupillage at the criminal barristers' chambers at 6 King's Bench Walk, London.

Lucy comes to the Bar with seven years of professional legal experience. Lucy served as a Judge's Associate at the Supreme Court of Victoria trial division in both civil and criminal matters. Lucy has also worked in the Criminal Law and Human rights branches of the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and has worked as a solicitor in private law firms. She has passed the California Bar Exam and is admitted as an attorney in California.

Possessing strong academic credentials, Lucy has delivered guest lectures in law at Oxford and has also guest lectured at the University of South Australia in Evidence Law, Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. Lucy has published articles on these areas in the Criminal Law Journal, the Flinders Law Journal and the University of Tasmania Law Review. Further, Lucy has delivered a CLE seminar to the Attorney-General's Department (SA) on judicial inquiries and jointly collaborated to deliver a CLE seminar to the Australian Institute of Administrative Law on public interest immunity claims.

Lucy is reading with Paul Higham and Mandy Fox. Her senior mentor is Paul Willee QC.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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- Administrative Law (Merits Review)
- Appellate
- Criminal Law/Intervention/Compensation
- Inquests/Inquiries
- Licensing and Disciplinary Tribunals
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Personal Injuries
- Professional Negligence
- Torts

MATTHEW MINUCCI BComm (Acc), LLB (Hons), LLM (Melb)

Matthew's practice covers all aspects of employment and industrial law, and includes public law and criminal law.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Matthew was a Senior Solicitor with the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office in the Workplace Relations and Occupational Safety Team. In that capacity, Matthew acted for a period of time as in-house counsel for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in their Workplace Relations team.

Matthew appears in the Fair Work Commission and other jurisdictions on a regular basis, and provides practical, strategic advice on complex employment and industrial issues. He is experienced in handling all manner of workplace disputes, including:

- Bargaining and industrial disputes;
- Industrial action
- Breach of award/enterprise agreement claims
- Adverse action
- Unfair dismissals
- Employment contracts

Matthew has also acted for high level government clients in a broad range of public law matters involving administrative law, constitutional law and disciplinary processes.

Before joining the VGSO, Matthew was a Judge's Associate in the District Court of South Australia where he gained significant exposure to criminal procedure and the rules of evidence.

Matthew also lectures in evidence at the University of South Australia.

Matthew is reading with Richard Dalton and his senior mentor is Frank Parry QC.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Industrial/Employment

- Appellate
- Discrimination
- Employment Contracts and Restraint of Trade
- Industrial Disputes and statutory employment rights
- Public Sector Appeals
- Work Health and Safety

Public/Administrative

- Appellate
- Constitutional Law
- Disciplinary Proceedings
- Judicial Review and administrative law
- Merits Review

Criminal

- Appellate
- Crimes against the person
- Drugs

Inquests/Inquiries

- Commissions and other Inquiries
- Coronial inquests