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Selection of cases:

Commercial and corporate regulatory

- [*Commissioner of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission v Lifestyle Solutions \(Aust\) Ltd \(Reportable Incidents Proceeding\) \[2025\] FCA 1394*](#) – civil penalty proceedings – for the Commissioner - contraventions of s 73J of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (Cth) where failure to notify reportable incidents – led by Dan Star KC.
- *Mobil Oil Australia Pty Ltd v Mogas Regional Pty Ltd* (2025) – Supreme Court of Victoria - Case No ECI 2022 03518 – for the plaintiff - breach of contract in respect of supply agreements in the petroleum sector, contractual interpretation, implied terms, good faith, unconscionable conduct allegations under s 21 of the ACL. Led by Christopher Archibald KC.
- *Commissioner of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission v Lifestyle Solutions (Aust) Ltd (Hakone House Proceeding) [2025] FCA 1393* - civil penalty proceedings–for the Commissioner - contraventions of ss 73J and 73V of the *NDIS Act* where failures involved breach of NDIS Code of Conduct and NDIS Practice Guidelines - led by Dan Star KC with Matthew Peckham.
- *Country Fire Authority v Hazelwood Power Corporation Pty Ltd* (2023) - Supreme Court Commercial List - for the CFA - claim for recovery of fees prescribed by regulation for attendance at the Hazelwood mine fire in 2014, led by Dan Star KC, with S Fitzgerald (now SC).
- *Statutory trust* (2022) – detailed advice on the construction of provisions relating to a statutory trust and duties of the trustee regarding payments to beneficiaries over a lengthy period.
- [*ASIC v Dixon Advisory & Superannuation Services Ltd \[2022\] FCA 1105*](#) – civil penalty proceedings – for ASIC - breaches of best interests and reasonable appropriate advice obligations under ss 961B and 961G of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)- led by Dan Star KC with Zoe Maud (now SC).
- *Share purchase agreement* (2024) – for a storage company in respect of breach of contractual seller warranties and misleading and deceptive conduct. Unled.
- *Bitumen Importers Australia Pty Ltd v Terminals Pty Ltd*, (2021) Supreme Court – for the defendant, contractual dispute - unled.

- *Commercial arbitration* (2020) between parties in an offshore petroleum project in respect of the interpretation of overriding royalty agreements, for the claimant - led by Christopher Archibald KC.
- *Singh v Malhotra*, CI-18-01113 (2020), County Court – for the Plaintiff – sale of business dispute - unled.

Competition and consumer law

- *Australian Uyghur Tangritagh Women's Association Inc v Kmart Australia Limited* (2026) – Federal Court – for the applicant - costs cap and pre-action discovery applications regarding potential misleading and deceptive conduct claims re modern slavery – led by Dr Oren Bigos KC.
- [Australian Competition and Consumer Commission v Webjet Marketing Pty Ltd \[2025\] FCA 867](#) – Federal Court – civil penalty proceedings – for ACCC - misleading or deceptive conduct – where the respondent represented to consumers on its website, via email and on its social media accounts that they could purchase airfares for promoted prices – led by Tamieka Spencer Bruce SC.
- *Mobil Oil Australia Pty Ltd v Mogas Regional Pty Ltd* (2025) – Supreme Court of Victoria - Case No ECI 2022 03518 – for the plaintiff - breach of contract, contractual interpretation, implied terms, good faith, unconscionable conduct allegations under s 21 of the ACL. Led by Christopher Archibald KC.
- *ACCC investigation* (2024) - Representing a witness in a s 155 interview.
- *Commercial Arbitration* (2020) – for the claimant - construction of a petroleum royalty deed and claim of misleading and deceptive conduct. Led by Christopher Archibald KC.
- *Claim by UK-based workers and trade union against Australian healthcare company* (2020) – claim of misleading and deceptive conduct contrary to s 18 of the ACL regarding public representations of treatment of workers in the United Kingdom. Led by Ron Merkel KC.
- *Singh v Malhotra* (2020) - County Court Case No CI-18-01113 - acting for plaintiffs in trial for breach of contract and claims of misleading and deceptive conduct regarding representations by the defendant purchaser of the plaintiffs' business. Unled.
- *Southernwood v Brambles Limited* (2019) – Federal Court Case No VID972 of 2018 – for plaintiff in class action claim that Brambles misled or deceived investors and breached its obligations under s 18 of the ACL, the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and ASX Listing Rules to continuously disclose certain material information of which it was aware, or ought to have been aware.
- *Endeavour River Pty Ltd v Murray Goulburn Responsible Entity Limited* (2019) – Federal Court Case No VID 1010 of 2018 - for plaintiff in shareholder class action claim alleging misleading or deceptive conduct and contravention of continuous disclosure obligations by the Murray Goulburn Unit Trust, including in contravention of s18 of the ACL.

Class actions

- [Pabai v Commonwealth of Australia \(No 2\) \[2025\] FCA 796](#) - climate change class action on behalf of Torres Strait Islander peoples - led by Fiona McCloud SC, Tomo Boston KC.

- *Southernwood & Ors v Brambles Limited*, VID 972/2018, Federal Court – Brambles shareholder class action.
- *Endeavour River Pty Ltd v MG Responsible Entity Limited & Anor*, VID1010/2018, Federal Court – Murray Goulburn shareholder class action.
- *Dust diseases class action* (2019) – provision of detailed advice.

Clubs and associations

- *Jones v Life Saving Victoria Limited* (2022) S ECI 2021 00375, Supreme Court - acting for the plaintiff in breach of contract and procedural fairness claim against LSV - unled.
- Acting for golf club in alleged sex discrimination claim (2022), Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Human Rights Division.

Property

- *Owners Corporation 1 Plan No. PS7007553k & Ors v Shangri-La Construction Pty Ltd & Anor* (2023) - County Court No. CI-22-05416 – for the Victorian Building Authority – response to subpoena.
- *Cellmore Real Estate Pty Ltd (T/A Woodards Blackburn) v Funston* (2022) - County Court No CI-20-03577 - acting for Defendant property seller against real estate agent – breach of contract, misleading and deceptive conduct, unconscionable conduct.
- [Funston v CCSS Pty Ltd \[2021\] VSC 24; 63 VR 427](#) - appeal – Statutory interpretation – Agent’s claim for marketing expenses – Whether recovery barred by failure to meet disclosure obligations – Whether an agent can recover expenses that are not ‘outgoings’ as defined in the *Estate Agents Act 1980* (Vic) s 4 – Agent’s obligation to inform of right to negotiate – Whether a reserve price must be used to calculate commission or other relevant amounts can be used. For the appellant - led by Ian Upjohn KC
- *Serita Investments Pty Ltd v Galea & Anor* (2021) – sale of property – vendor’s right to terminate - proper construction of “subject to loan” provision.

Public and administrative law

- *Commissioner of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission* - (multiple) – acting for the Commissioner in Administrative Review Tribunal matters regarding banning orders made under the *NDIS Act*.
- [Jonah and Commissioner, NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission \(Practice and procedure\) \[2025\] ARTA 2582](#) – for the Commissioner – opposing interlocutory application for stay of permanent banning order under the *NDIS Act*.
- *Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC)* – multiple - acting for the ACIC in various criminal cases raising public interest immunity matters and statutory prohibitions under the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* and *Surveillance Devices Act 2004*, as well as jurisdictional issues. Cases include:
 - [Zirilli v The King \[2023\] VSCA 64](#), Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal - led by Anthony Berger KC, with J Forsaith

- [Zirilli v The King \[2022\] VSCA 192](#), Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal - led by Anthony Berger KC.
- [Zirilli v The Queen \[2021\] VSCA 305](#) Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal - unled.
- [Zirilli v The Queen \[2021\] VSCA 174](#), and *Madafferi v The Queen*, Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal – unled.
- *Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants* (2020) – appearing for the ACIC and Department of Home Affairs in respect of public interest immunity matters - unled.
- *Fantastic Family Day Care v Secretary, Department of Education, Skills and Employment*, VID448/2020, Federal Court – for the applicant, judicial review including interlocutory application for stay - unled.
- *Helping Hugs Family Day Care v Secretary, Department of Education and Training*, 2019/7721, Administrative Appeals Tribunal – for the applicant, merits review including interlocutory application for stay - unled.
- *Lumeah Family Day Care v Secretary, Department of Education and Training*, 2019/2350, Administrative Appeals Tribunal – for the applicant, merits review - unled.
- *Kids R Creative Family Day Care v Secretary, Department of Education and Training*, S ECI 2019 01698, Supreme Court – for the applicant, judicial review - unled.
- *Helping Hugs Family Day Care v Secretary, Department of Education and Training*, VID739/2019 and VID925/2019, Federal Court – for the applicant, judicial review - unled.
- [MXFR v Minister for Home Affairs \[2019\] ATTA 705](#) – for the applicant, successful visa character cancellation merits review, unled.
- *Australian Sustainable Hardwoods Pty Ltd v VicForests*, Z388/2019 and Z286/2019, VCAT – in respect of a Freedom of Information application.

Human rights:

- [Independent examiner for the Australian National Contact Point](#) (2021 – 2025) - Australian Government appointment to examine and determine complaints regarding alleged breaches of the [OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#).
- *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth) claim (2021) - Acting for members of the South Sudanese community in a claim against Peta Credlin and Australian News Channel Pty Limited for breach of s18C of the RDA, Australian Human Rights Commission, successfully resolved including "[Apology of the year](#)" - led by Ron Merkel KC, with P Knowles.
- Acting for golf club in alleged sex discrimination claim (2022), Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Human Rights Division - unled.
- Acting for venue in alleged disability discrimination claim (2019), Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission, successfully resolved - unled.

Selection of cases as a solicitor:

Commercial Contract Disputes

- Representing a major energy company in a US\$65M construction claim against an engineering firm.
- Acting for a major corporate hospital group in a dispute with the Victorian State Minister for Health.
- Representing Telstra in a dispute regarding provision of IT services.
- Acting for a vinyls manufacturer in relation to a claim for breach of an international supply agreement.

Joint venture disputes

- Acting for three major Japanese steel companies in a breach of joint venture contract and fiduciary duties claim.
- Acting for major petrochemical companies in a joint venture dispute involving allegations of breaches of the Trade Practices Act (Australian Consumer Law).

Injunctions

- Obtaining a freezing injunction in *Antuzis & Ors v DJ Houghton Catching Services & Ors* (2018)
- Obtaining an antisuit injunction in [*Kesabo & Ors v African Barrick Gold & Anor* 2013 EWHC 4045](#) (QB).
- Representing a Japanese engineering company in a claim of fraud, including seeking a freezing injunction in aid of foreign proceedings.

Silicosis

- *Blom & Ors v AngloAmerican South Africa* (2013) - Test case on behalf of 23 silicosis sufferers in South Africa against Anglo American South Africa. Arbitration.
- [*Qubeka & Ors v AngloAmerican South Africa & AngloGold Ashanti*](#) (2016) - Group action on behalf of over 4,300 silicosis sufferers in South Africa against AngloGold Ashanti and AngloAmerican South Africa, resulting in a landmark settlement scheme.

International human rights litigation

- [*Young v Anglo American South Africa Limited & Ors* \[2014\] EWCA Civ 1130](#) - Jurisdictional challenge in the Court of Appeal of England and Wales regarding the meaning of domicile under European law. Case regarding silicosis acquired in South African mines.
- *Kesabo and others v African Barrick Gold and North Mara Gold Mine*, case no. HQ13X02118 (2015), identified by The Lawyer magazine as one of the top 20

global disputes of 2015 - claims by Tanzanian villagers injured or killed by gunshot - brought in the High Court of England and Wales.

- *Tabra & Ors v Monterrico Metals*, case nos. HQ09X02331, HQ10X01362 (2013) - claims by 33 Peruvian farmers detained and tortured at a mine site in Peru - brought in the High Court of England and Wales.
- Human rights and personal injury claims by Afghan civilian claimants against the Ministry of Defence for alleged unlawful detention and abuse by the British Forces (2017) – brought in the High Court of England and Wales.

Modern Slavery

- First High Court judgments in the UK against a British company for claims arising from modern slavery ([Galdikas & Ors v DJ Houghton Catching Services & Ors](#) [2016] EWHC 1376 (QB) and [Antuzis & Ors v DJ Houghton Catching Services & Ors](#) (2019) EWHC 843).