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Admitted to the legal profession

Admitted as a barrister in NSW 2020

Also entitled to practise in Australian jurisdictions (Commonwealth,

State and Territory)

Christopher practises primarily in commercial litigation, with a focus on financial and corporate disputes and class actions. He acts for a broad range of clients, including listed and private companies, financial institutions, professional services firms and government.

Christopher's practice includes appearing in multi-party and class action proceedings in the Federal Court and State Supreme Courts. He has extensive experience in cases involving complex expert evidence, particularly scientific and accounting evidence.

His clients value his ability to get to the heart of relevant issues, manage complex proceedings and deliver clear and practical advice.

Christopher accepts briefs to advise and briefs to appear in all courts and tribunals of New South Wales and the Commonwealth as well as the principal courts of the other States.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 - 2018: Senior Legal Counsel - Pricewaterhouse Coopers

2007 - 2013: Senior Associate (Dispute Resolution), King & Wood Mallesons

2003 - 2006: Solicitor and Senior Associate, Cosoff Cudmore Knox, Adelaide SA

SELECTED CASES

Gold Coast Marine Aquaculture v Commonwealth of Australia & Ors Federal Court VID672/2020 - tort claim relating to outbreak of white spot disease - judgment reserved (led by P Collinson KC for Cth)

Tweed Bait Pty Ltd & Ors v Commonwealth of Australia Supreme Court of Queensland BS1010/21 – tort claim relating to 2016 outbreak of white spot disease - ongoing (led by E Longbottom KC, P Collinson KC and D Quayle for Cth)

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Inghams Enterprises Pty Ltd v Milne Agrigroup Pty Ltd Supreme Court of NSW 2023/285247 payment dispute - settled (led by P Herzfeld SC for plaintiff)

Commissioner of Taxation v Pricewaterhouse Coopers [2022] FCA 278 – dispute as to availability of legal professional privilege for purposes of \$353-10 notices (led by R McHugh SC and A Shearer for respondent)

Disrupt Group Holdings Pty Ltd v The IQ Group Global Ltd & Ors Supreme Court of NSW 2020/40987 - dispute in relation to alleged misleading and deceptive conduct and loss of commercial opportunity for exploitation of a patent - settled (led by K Morgan SC for defendant)

QB4 Capital Pty Ltd v Guardian Securities Ltd (2022) 159 ACSR 289; [2022] FCA 262 - dispute in relation to commercial trustee's right of indemnity from managed investment scheme (led by L Livingston SC for respondent)

QB4 Capital Pty Ltd v Guardian Securities Ltd (2023) 411 ALR 496; [2023] FCAFC 72 – appeal proceedings - (led by L Livingston SC for respondent)

Richards Contracting Co Management Pty Ltd, Re (2021) 104 NSWLR 385; (2021) 391 ALR 122; (2021) 151 ACSR 300; [2021] NSWCA 34 – application to re-instate defendant company wound up under the former Companies Code (led by M Condon SC for plaintiff)

Racing New South Wales v Racing Victoria Ltd [2023] NSWSC 296 – application to set aside subpoena issued in an application for preliminary discovery (unled)

Lawrence Edward Stewart v The Australian and New Zealand Banking Group Limited

[2020] NSWSC 1787 – dispute about the scope of a deed of release (led by A Shearer for ANZ) Acting for a major accounting firm in defending a claim relating to financial statement audits and financial services licence audits (led by A Leopold SC and A Shearer)

Acting for a claimant in domestic arbitration proceedings against the State of NSW (led by M Condon SC)

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate Competition and Consumer Trade practices

Banking and Financial services Contracts Partnership disputes

Restraint of trade Bankruptcy and insolvency Corporations and Securities

Class actions Shareholder class actions

COMMON LAW

Class actions Professional indemnity Professional liability

Insurance and reinsurance

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EQUITY

Trusts

TAXATION AND REVENUE

Income tax

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Judicial review and administrative law

SECTORS

Government

Banks and Financial institutions

Funds

Primary Resources

Technology, Media and

Telecommunications