



DOMINIC VILLA SC

Bachelor of Arts (Hons - Political Science)/Bachelor of Laws - University of NSW (1995)
Master of Health Law - University of Sydney (2007)

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Admitted to the legal profession
1996

Admitted as a barrister in NSW
2002

Appointed as Senior Counsel
2018

Also entitled to practise in
Australian jurisdictions (Commonwealth,
State and Territory)

Dominic Villa SC has a multidisciplinary practice extending across a wide range of commercial, administrative and governmental disputes. With a career spanning over three decades, Dominic has established himself as a leading advocate in trial courts, appellate courts, and arbitral tribunals throughout Australia and internationally.

Dominic practises extensively in the area of public law, by way of constitutional challenges to legislation, judicial review and merits review of governmental conduct, and liability claims against and on behalf of various government departments throughout Australia.

Dominic is the author of the highly-acclaimed *Annotated Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW)* and is an expert in all facets of tort law including professional liability, negligence, intentional infliction of economic loss, misfeasance in public office, malicious prosecution and institutional abuse.

Dominic has a substantial practice in insurance and re-insurance, regularly advising on coverage and appearing in indemnity disputes on behalf of insurers and insureds. His practice includes various forms of Financial Lines (in particular Professional Indemnity and D&O Insurance), Life (in particular TPD), and Broadform Liability Insurances.

Dominic acts for numerous large privately-held and publicly-listed companies in a variety of mining, manufacturing, transportation and sale of goods disputes in a variety of fora, including domestic courts and private arbitral mechanisms (domestic and international).

Dominic has a particular interest in sports arbitration. He has regularly appeared before the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and challenged CAS awards in the Swiss Federal Tribunal. He has appeared before various national and international arbitral bodies in a number of sports, and is currently the Chair of the Football Australia National Disputes Resolution Chamber which determines various football-related commercial disputes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1995 – 1998: Solicitor, Middletons, Moore & Bevins

1998 - 2002: Senior Associate, Minter Ellison

PUBLICATIONS

2018: Annotated Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW) (3rd), Thomson Reuters

2020: thecovid19.law.blog

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2008 to 2016 - Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine UNSW, lecturing in Civil Law & Psychiatry as part of the Masters of Forensic Mental Health

2009 to 2018 - Member, Human Research Ethics Committee for the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

2006 to date - Member, various sports arbitration panels, including Football Federation Australia and Australian Rugby Union.

2002 to date: Australian New Zealand Sports Law Association

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Administrative Law	Competition and Consumer	Restraint of trade
Appellate	Conflict of laws	Shareholder class actions
Banking and Financial Services	Contracts	Sports law
Bankruptcy and insolvency	Insurance and Reinsurance	Trade Practices
Building, Construction and Technology	Professional liability	Superannuation
Class Actions	Product liability	

COMMON LAW

Appellate	Medical negligence	Professional liability
Class Actions	Product liability	Sports law
Insurance and Reinsurance	Professional indemnity	

EQUITY

Appellate

INDUSTRIAL / EMPLOYMENT

Civil and human rights	Government inquiries	Restraint of trade
Disciplinary proceedings	Health law	

INQUESTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissions of inquiry	Coronial inquests
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PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Appellate	Health law	Judicial review and administrative law
Disciplinary proceedings		

SECTORS

Banks and financial institutions	Government	Healthcare
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