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Finian has a commercial and public law practice.

Before being called to the Bar, Finian was a Senior Lawyer at the Australian Government Solicitor where he acted in competition, class actions and other regulatory proceedings and investigations for clients such as the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. He also provided advice to many Commonwealth departments and authorities.

Finian previously worked at Ashurst in competition and commercial litigation. He was also an Associate to the Honourable Justice Glenn Martin AM at the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Finian holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) from the University of Queensland.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Building & Construction, Class Actions, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporations, Employment & Industrial, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Intellectual Property, Judicial Review & Administrative, Media & Defamation, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Tax.

EXPERIENCE

Finian's experience as a solicitor includes:

- acting for the Commonwealth in the damages phase of a long-running and large class action arising from the 2011 Australian ban on live cattle exports to Indonesia
- acting for the ACCC in various competition law investigations and proceedings, including the ANZ/Suncorp merger authorisation before the Australian Competition Tribunal, and the trial and appeal proceedings in the Federal Court against NSW Ports
- acting for ASIC in various financial services investigations and proceedings, including several proceedings against major banks
- acting for the Australian Energy Regulator in an investigation of market participants for alleged contraventions of the National Electricity Rules

- acting for and advising a variety of other Commonwealth bodies in connection with civil penalty proceedings and other issues
- acting for Aurizon in competition law trial and appeal proceedings brought by the ACCC against it and Pacific National
- acting for large corporate clients in connection with regulatory investigations, domestic proceedings and international arbitrations.

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

CAREER

2020-2025 Senior Lawyer, Australian Government Solicitor

2017-2019 Lawyer, Ashurst

2016 Associate, Supreme Court of Queensland

EDUCATION

2015 Bachelor of Arts (Japanese and International Relations), University of Queensland

2015 Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), University of Queensland

AWARDS

2010-2014 Dean's Commendations for High Achievement

2010-2013 University of Queensland Excellence Scholarship

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