

FLORENCE CHEN

YEAR OF CALL: 2014

Florence Chen has a broad commercial practice with particular expertise in the areas of tax, building and construction and succession.

She acts in a wide spectrum of complex commercial disputes in both State and Federal jurisdictions. She is regularly briefed to advise and appear with and without a leader. She has most recently been involved in proceedings involving tax litigation for the ATO, QRO and the taxpayer relating to income tax, payroll tax, superannuation and stamp duty. She has appeared in various trials and hearings involving breaches of contracts, allegations of misleading and deceptive conduct, partnerships, allegations of breaches of directors duties, unfair preference payments, property and commercial leasing disputes, family provision applications and judicial review applications.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Florence was the associate to the Honourable Justice Fryberg for two years and the Honourable Justice Jackson for one year. She also previously tutored Civil Procedure at the University of Queensland for 6 years.

Florence is active in a number of professional and community organisations including as a current Bar Council Member for the Bar Association of Queensland, a Past President of Queensland Young Lawyers, and a past Events Coordinator for Out For Australia.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Arbitration, Building & Construction, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Insurance, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Succession, Tax.

CASES

***Stark v Commissioner of Taxation* [2023] FCA 1523**

December 2023, Tax

***Broadley v Broadbeach Law Group Pty Ltd* [2023] QDC 236**

December 2023, Contract

***BZN v Chief Executive, the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] QSC 266**

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November 2023, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Condon v Commissioner of Taxation* [2023] FCA 561**

June 2023, Tax

***Gapes v State of Queensland* [2023] QCA 45**

March 2023, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Hyder v Commissioner of Taxation* [2023] FCAFC 29**

March 2023, Tax, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Commissioner of Taxation v Guardian AIT Pty Ltd ATF Australian Investment Trust* [2023] FCAFC 3**

January 2023, Tax

***Australian Post-Tensioning Pty Ltd v Workers' Compensation Regulator* [2022] QSC 250**

November 2022, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Sonya Lesley Gapes v Magistrate Baldwin, State of Queensland* [2022] QCA 191**

October 2022, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Davidson v Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships* [2022] QCAT 367**

September 2022, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Hyder v Commissioner of Taxation (No 3)* [2022] FCA 493**

May 2022, Tax

***Hyder v Commissioner of Taxation (No 2)* [2022] FCA 421**

April 2022, Tax

***Hyder v Commissioner of Taxation* [2022] FCA 264**

March 2022, Tax

***Brisbane Marine Pilots Pty Ltd v General Manager of Maritime Safety Queensland, Department of Transport and Main Roads and Ors* [2021] QCAT 436**

December 2021, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Raptis* [2021] FCA 1192**

October 2021, Tax

***Leach v Comcare* [2021] FCAFC 134**

July 2021, Judicial Review & Administrative

***RHG Construction Fitout and Maintenance Pty Ltd v Kangaroo Point Developments MP Property Pty Ltd & Ors* [2021] QCA 117**

May 2021, Building & Construction, Contract

Holman and Commissioner of Taxation (Taxation)[2020] AATA 1375

May 2021, Tax

Harrison v Commissioner of State Revenue[2021] QCAT 149

April 2021, Tax

Storry v Department of Justice and Attorney-General[2020] QCAT 94

March 2021

Beaumont Constructions Pty Ltd & Ors v Commissioner of State Revenue[2020] QCAT 52

February 2020, Tax

Commissioner of Taxation v Racing Queensland Board[2019] FCAFC 224

December 2019, Tax

Civmec Electrical & Instrumental Pty Ltd v Southern Cross Electrical Engineering Limited & Ors[2019]
QSC 300

December 2019, Contract, Building & Construction

Taylor & Anor v Hobson & Anor[2019] QCA 265

November 2019, Competition & Consumer

National Management Group Pty Ltd v Biriell Industries Pty Ltd trading as Master Steel & Ors (No 2)[2019]
QSC 276

November 2019, Building & Construction

Probin and Commissioner of Taxation (Taxation)[2019] AATA 4597

November 2019, Tax

Kristoffersen v Secretary, Department of Social Services[2019] FCA 1685

October 2019, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative

Ke and Commissioner of Taxation (Taxation)[2019] AATA 4057 (3 October 2019)

October 2019, Tax

National Management Group Pty Ltd v Biriell Industries Pty Ltd trading as Master Steel & Ors[2019] QSC
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September 2019, Contract, Building & Construction

Telgrove Pty Ltd t/as P & E Francis Plant Hire v Commissioner of State Revenue[2019] QCAT 199

July 2019, Tax

Taylor & Anor v Hobson & Ors[2019] QSC 4

July 2019, Competition & Consumer

Racing Queensland Board v Commissioner of Taxation[2019] FCA 509

April 2019, Tax

Crossman v Department of Transport and Main Roads & Anor[2019] QSC 67

March 2019, Judicial Review & Administrative

Williams v IS Industry Fund Pty Ltd[2018] FCAFC 219

December 2018, Tax

Universal Supermodels Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue[2018] QCS 257

November 2018, Tax, Contract, Employment & Industrial

Anderson v Langdon & Anor[2018] QCA 397

October 2018, Appellate, Corporations

Stimpson v Commissioner of State Revenue[2018] QDC 140

July 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Tax

GAB v Kan[2018] QSC 161

July 2018, Human Rights & Discrimination

FTTOA Pty Ltd v Green Door Cafe & Gallery Pty Ltd[2018] QCA 88

May 2018, Land Law & Property

Shahpari & Ors v Minister for Immigration[2016] FCCA 513

March 2016, Judicial Review & Administrative, Corporations

Huang v Vantage Holdings Pty Ltd[2015] FCA 693

April 2015, Judicial Review & Administrative

Vantage Holdings Pty Ltd v Huang (No 3)[2015] FCA 383

April 2015, Corporations, Judicial Review & Administrative

Vantage Holdings Pty Ltd v Huang (No 2)[2015] FCA 185

March 2015, Judicial Review & Administrative

Vantage Holdings Pty Ltd v Huang[2015] FCA 155

March 2015, Judicial Review & Administrative

Brice v Chambers[2014] QCA 310

November 2014, Appellate, Contract

RECOMMENDATIONS

Chambers & Partners Global Tax

- 2024

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Tax

- 2024 *“Florence is very knowledgeable and easy to deal with. She isn’t afraid to put the hard work into preparation and is very good with clients.”*
- 2023 *“She is good at cross-examination and she is a bright star”.*

Doyle’s Guide to the Australian Legal Profession – Leading Tax Barrister (QLD) 2019-2023

Australian Financial Review’s Best Lawyers

- 2025 tax law

APPOINTMENTS

2015-present Bar Association of Queensland Bar Council Member

2014-2016 Queensland Young Lawyers Association – President

2014-2019 University of Queensland Law Graduates Association – Committee Member

2015-2019 Out For Australia – Events Coordinator

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

LawRight

CAREER

2014-present Barrister

2014-2020 Civil Procedure tutor (University of Queensland)

2013 Judges Associate to the Honourable Justice Jackson

2011-2012 Judges associate to the Honourable Justice Fryberg

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (UQ)

Bachelor of Commerce, major in Accounting (UQ)

AWARDS

Advanced Taxation Law Award (UQ subject prize)

Endeavour Australia Cheung Kong Award

PUBLICATIONS

Appearing on an Application

October 2022, Banking, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Contract, Corporations, Resources & Energy, Succession, Tax

Life at the Bar

May 2022

Docs, eTrials & Practice Directions

November 2021, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Human Rights & Discrimination, Insurance, Native Title & Cultural Heritage, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Succession, Tax

Mediation Strategies

July 2021, Commercial Equity, Land Law & Property, Tax

Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017 - An Issue of Competing Payment Schedules

June 2021, Building & Construction, Contract

Strategies for Persuasive Expert Evidence

December 2019, Building & Construction

Recent Tax Cases

March 2018, Tax

Challenging the validity of an assessment: a hopeless venture?

November 2017, Tax

Concurrent delay: an update

August 2017, Building & Construction

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation