

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.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

CASES

Commissioner of Taxation v S.N.A Group Pty Ltd[2026] FCAFC 10

February 2026, Tax

Kim Investments GC Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue[2026] QSC 4

January 2026, Tax

EMH IV Pty Ltd as trustee for the EMH IV Family Trust v Commissioner of Taxation[2025] FCA 1429

November 2025, Tax

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Peever (No 3)[2025] FCA 1187

September 2025, Commercial Equity, Tax

CPB Contractors Pty Ltd & Ors v MSS Projects (NSW) Pty Ltd t/as MSS Steel & Ors[2025] QSC 239

September 2025, Building & Construction

Whittaker v Australian Retirement Trust Pty Ltd[2025] QSC 221

September 2025, Judicial Review & Administrative, Tax

Ford v Commissioner of State Revenue[2025] QSC 133

July 2025, Tax

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Peever[2025] FCA 460

May 2025, Tax

Hyder v Commissioner of Taxation[2025] FCA 337

April 2025, Tax

S.N.A Group Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation (No 2)[2025] FCA 281

March 2025, Tax

S.N.A Group Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation[2025] FCA 240

March 2025, Tax

Commissioner of Taxation v Hatfield Plumbing Pty Ltd (Trustee)[2025] FCA 182

March 2025, Employment & Industrial, Tax

Roofing Services Queensland Pty Ltd ATF Roofing Services Qld Trust v The Commissioner of State Revenue t/as Office of State Revenue[2025] QCAT 604

February 2025, Tax

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Peever[2024] FCA 1470

December 2024, Tax

Robson as trustee for the bankrupt estate of Lanning v Commissioner of Taxation[2024] FCA 720

July 2024, Tax, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

COB v Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships [2024] QCAT 251

June 2024, Judicial Review & Administrative

PQBZ v Commissioner of Taxation (Taxation)[2023] ATTA 2984 (10 August 2023)

April 2024, Tax

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

November 2023, Judicial Review & Administrative

JD v Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships [2023] QCAT 316

August 2023, Human Rights & Discrimination, Judicial Review & Administrative

Condon v Commissioner of Taxation [2023] FCA 561

June 2023, Tax

WZWK and Commissioner of Taxation (Taxation)[2024] AATA 872

April 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

Aurizon Operations Limited v Commissioner of State Revenue; Australian Eastern Railroad Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue; Aurizon Network Pty Ltd v Commissioner of State Revenue [2021] QCAT 338

September 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 Birieli 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 219

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

- 2025
- 2024

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Tax

- 2026 *"Florence is very good on her feet. She is very confident, robust and gets along well with the Bench."*
- 2025
- 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 staff."*

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession

- Leading Tax Barrister (QLD) 2019-2024
- Leading Administrative & Public Law Barrister (QLD) 2025

Australian Financial Review's Best Lawyers

- 202-2026 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

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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