

OLIVER COOK

YEAR OF CALL: 2021

Ollie practices in commercial law. His experience also includes acting in public and administrative law matters. A focus of Ollie's practice is class actions.

Ollie appears led and unled in local, State and Federal Courts. He advises and appears for parties at all stages of litigation, in a variety of sectors. He acts for regulators and government entities.

Since coming to the Bar, Ollie has appeared in complex commercial disputes, as well as reputationally-sensitive matters including in relation to non-publication orders.

Before coming to the Bar, Ollie was a commercial disputes solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills in Brisbane and Tokyo where he was involved in large-scale national and cross-border disputes covering various Australian and international jurisdictions. He has significant experience working in large teams of lawyers and experts across various jurisdictions. As such, he is well-versed in the strategic and practical use of technological tools required for large-scale matters.

Ollie was previously the Associate to the Hon Justice Peter Flanagan in the Supreme Court of Queensland. He holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from the University of Queensland and a Masters of Law (US) from Washington University in St Louis.

Ollie is a contributing author to the LexisNexis publication *Court Forms, Precedents and Pleadings Queensland* and is a member of the steering committee of ACICA45, Australia's leading community of emerging arbitration practitioners.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Building & Construction, Class Actions, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Employment & Industrial, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Insurance, International, Judicial Review & Administrative, Resources & Energy.

CASES

***McEwan v Commissioner of Taxation* [2024] QSC 70**

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TWENTY
SEVEN

CHAMBERS



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May 2024, Judicial Review & Administrative

***McEwan v The Commissioner of Taxation* [2024] QSC 2**

March 2024, Judicial Review & Administrative

***GHI v Queensland Police Service and Ors* [2023] QMC 12**

October 2023, Media & Defamation

***Berridge v The Independent Assessor & Anor* [2023] QSC 228**

October 2023, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Legal Services Commissioner v Li* [2023] QCAT 383**

October 2023, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 1022**

August 2023, Competition & Consumer, Contract

***Big Pineapple Corp Pty Ltd v Rankin Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd and others (No 2)* [2023] QSC 68**

April 2023, Corporations

***Big Pineapple Corp Pty Ltd v Rankin Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd and others* [2023] QSC 26**

February 2023, Corporations

***Pan v Hampton Accelerate Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 46**

February 2023, Contract

***McEwan v The Commissioner of Taxation* [2022] QSC 279**

December 2022, Intellectual Property, Professional Negligence, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

***Gold Property Partners Pty Ltd v Dudzik & Anor* [2022] QDC 245**

November 2022, Contract

***Goodwin v HBCA Pty Ltd* [2022] FCAFC 166**

September 2022, Class Actions

***Jason Hall t/as JHL Lawyers v Val Eco Homes Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2021] QCA 236**

November 2021, Contract

EXPERIENCE

Ollie's recent experience at the bar includes:

Corporate and Commercial

> *Allen v G8 Education Ltd – S ECI 2020 04339* –led by Robert Craig KC, Jennifer Findlay and Huw Whitwell, instructed by Minter Ellison, for the defendant. Securities class action.

> *AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd*[2023] FCA 1022 – led by Tim Castle SC and Dr Charles Parkinson KC (and others), instructed by HWL Ebsworth, for the applicants.

> *Big Pineapple Corp Pty Ltd v Rankin Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd & Ors (No 2)*[2023] QSC 68 – led by Gavin Handran KC, instructed by Carter Newell, for the applicant.

> *Big Pineapple Corp Pty Ltd v Rankin Investments (Qld) Pty Ltd & Ors (No 2)*[2023] QSC 26 – led by Gavin Handran KC, instructed by Carter Newell, for the applicant. Application to set aside statutory demand.

> *Pan v Hampton Accelerate Pty Ltd*[2023] FCA 46 – unled, instructed by Auslaw Partners, for the applicant. Application for specific discovery.

> *Gold Property Partners Pty Ltd v Dudzik & Anor*[2022] QDC 245 – unled, instructed by Synkronos Lawyers, for the applicants. Application for summary judgment.

> *Goodwin HBCA Pty Ltd*[2022] FCAFC 166 – led by James Arnott SC, instructed by Keypoint Law, for the appellants. Appeal in relation to security for costs in representative proceeding.

> *Jason Hall t/as JHL Lawyers v Val Eco Homes Pty Ltd (in liq)*[2021] QCA 236 – led by Nicholas Andreatidis KC, instructed by Dowd & Co Lawyers, for the appellants. Application in relation to commencement of appeal.

Public and regulatory

> *McEwan v The Commissioner of Taxation* [2024] QSC 26 –led by Matthew Wilkinson, instructed by the Australian Government Solicitor, for the defendants. Application for leave to discontinue.

> *GHI v Queensland Police Service & Ors*[2023] QMC 12 – led by Claire Schneider, instructed by Marque Lawyers, for respondents. Application for non-publication orders pursuant to *Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 1978* (Qld).

> *Berridge v The Independent Assessor & Anor*[2023] 228 – led by Stephen Keim SC, instructed by the Office of the Independent Assessor, for the respondent. Application for judicial review.

> *Legal Services Commissioner v Li*[2023] QCAT 383 – led by David Chesterman KC, instructed by the Legal Services Commissioner, for the respondent. Interlocutory application for strike-out.

> *McEwan v The Commissioner of Taxation*[2022] QSC 279 – led by Matthew Wilkinson, instructed by the Australian Government Solicitor, for the defendants. Applications for particulars.

APPOINTMENTS

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

Queensland Young Lawyers

CAREER

2021 Barrister, Queensland

2017-21 Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills (Brisbane)

2016 Associate to Justice Peter Flanagan, Supreme Court of Queensland

EDUCATION

2015 LLM (US Law), Washington University in St Louis

2015 BA/LLB (Hons), University of Queensland

AWARDS

2015 Washington University subject prize, 'Civil Liberties in Cyberspace'

2015 Washington University subject prize, 'Censorship and Free Expression'

2010 University of Queensland Excellence Scholarship

2008 Iwasaki Sangyo Study Bursary

PUBLICATIONS

Just What the Tribunal Ordered - Or Was It? Western Australia Court of Appeal Upholds Finding That UNICITRAL Tribunal Rendered Itself Functus Officio

August 2023, Arbitration

The Strategy of Pleadings

July 2023

Disclosure & Discovery in Australian Courts

December 2022, Banking, Building & Construction, Class Actions, Commercial Equity, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Land Law & Property

Court Forms, Precedents and Pleadings Queensland

November 2022, Banking, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Insurance, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation, Native Title & Cultural Heritage, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy

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

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation