

Areas of Practice

- Arbitration
- Banking and finance
- Building, construction and engineering
- Class Actions and Representative Proceedings
- Commercial law
- Contracts
- Corporate insolvency
- Corporations and Securities
- Equity and trusts
- Insurance
- Joint ventures
- Mining, energy and resources
- Professional negligence
- Property
- Restitution
- Telecommunications
- Trade practices and consumer protection

Educational Qualifications

BA, LLB (Hons) (Melb), BCL (Oxon) (Hons)

Practice profile

Paul practices predominantly in corporate and commercial law, with a particular emphasis on class actions, complex contractual disputes, regulatory matters (including civil penalty proceedings), corporate insolvency and banking and finance.

Significant recent and ongoing cases he has been involved with include:

- Acting for Tabcorp Holdings Limited in proceedings against the State of Victoria
- Acting for The Future Fund Board of Guardians in a dispute with AustralianSuper connected with the Future Fund's acquisition of a stake in the Perth Airport
- Acting for The Trust Company (Nominees) Limited in group proceedings and associated matters arising from the collapse of the Banksia-group of companies
- Acting for Myer Holdings Limited in group proceedings alleging breaches of continuous disclosure obligations
- Acting for Johnson Winter & Slattery in group proceedings relating to Vocation Limited alleging breaches of continuous disclosure obligations
- Acting for the Chairman of Mariner Limited in a civil penalty proceeding brought by ASIC
- Acting for Sita Australia Pty Ltd in group proceedings by home owners in relation to the migration of gas from a landfill
- Acting for IOOF Holdings Limited in proceedings concerning a change in control provision in a share purchase agreement
- Acting for ASIC in various disciplinary proceedings against registered liquidators before the Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board
- Acting for the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transports and Resources in land acquisition proceedings concerning the Regional Rail Link

Selected Appearances

- *Tabcorp Holdings Limited v State of Victoria* [2016] HCA 4
- *In the matter of Banksia Securities Limited (in liq)* [2015] NSWSC 1378
- *Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Mariner Corporation Limited* [2015] FCA 589; (2015) 327 ALR 95
- *Vic Hotel Pty Ltd v DC Payments Australasia Pty Ltd* [2015] VSCA 101; (2015) 321 ALR 191
- *Tabcorp Holdings Limited v State of Victoria* [2014] VSCA 312
- *Bolitho v Banksia Securities Limited (No 4)* [2014] VSC 582
- *DC Payments Australasia v Vic Hotel Pty Ltd* [2014] VSC 535
- *Tabcorp Holdings Limited v State of Victoria* [2014] VSC 301
- *Knorr v CSIRO* [2014] VSCA 84
- *Bolitho v Banksia Securities Ltd (No 2)* [2014] VSC 184
- *Bolitho v Banksia Securities Ltd* [2014] VSC 8
- *Tabcorp Holdings Limited v State of Victoria (No 2)* [2013] VSC 541
- *Tabcorp Holdings Limited v Secretary to the Department of Treasury and Finance* [2013] VCAT 1731
- *Chan v Four C Realty Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2013] FCA 928
- *State of Victoria v Tabcorp Holdings Limited* [2013] VSCA 180
- *Perpetual Custodians Ltd v IOOF Investment Management Ltd* [2013] NSWCA 231; (2013) 304 ALR 436
- *Tabcorp Holdings Limited v Secretary to the Department of Treasury and Finance (No 1)* [2013] VCAT 1234
- *ASIC v Fernandez* (2013) (Disciplinary proceeding before the CALDB)
- *Perpetual Custodians Ltd v IOOF Investment Management Ltd* [2012] NSWSC 1318; (2012) 91 ACSR 530
- *Wheelahan v City of Casey* [2012] VSC 10
- *Wheelahan v City of Casey (No. 11)* [2011] VSC 65
- *Wheelahan v City of Casey (No. 10)* [2011] VSC 546)
- *Wheelahan v City of Casey (No. 8)* [2011] VSC 418
- *Wheelahan v City of Casey (No. 6)* [2011] VSC 249
- *Wheelahan v City of Casey* [2011] VSC 215
- *Murdesk Investments Pty Ltd v Secretary of Department of Business and Innovation* [2011] VSC 436
- *International arbitration under UNCITRAL Model Law* (Alleged repudiation of a charter party contract before an Arbitral panel including Murray Gleeson AC)
- *ASIC v Wong* [2010] FCA 1075
- *ASIC v McVeigh* (2010) (Disciplinary proceeding before the CALDB)
- *ASIC v Tax Returns Australia Dot Com Pty Ltd* [2010] FCA 715
- *Walker v Newmont Australia Ltd* [2010] FCA 298

Prior experience

Prior to signing the Bar Roll in 2008, Paul was a Senior Associate in the litigation group of Herbert Smith in London. He was admitted in 2002, doing his articles at Mallesons Stephen Jaques (now King & Wood Mallesons).

In 2003, Paul completed the BCL with Distinction at the University of Oxford, undertaking studies in corporate insolvency, conflicts of law, restitution and comparative human rights (being awarded the prize for the top student in Corporate Insolvency Law).

Paul is a former editor of the Melbourne University Law Review.