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### Profile

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William Thomas has a broad practice with a focus on commercial and insurance-related disputes.

Before coming to the Bar, Will was a solicitor at Allens in the commercial litigation group and an associate to a judge of the Federal Court of Australia.

Will holds a Bachelor of Laws with first class honours from the University of Melbourne, as well as a Bachelor of Arts and a Diploma in Modern Languages in Japanese. He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCI Arb).

### Admissions

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Signed the Victorian Bar Roll on 5 May 2016

Admitted to practice as an Australian Lawyer on 12 November 2013

Entitled to practise in all Australian jurisdictions

### Qualifications

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Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), University of Melbourne

Bachelor of Arts, University of Melbourne

Diploma in Modern Languages (Japanese), University of Melbourne

### Professional Experience

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#### Victorian Bar

Barrister

May 2016 to present

#### Federal Court of Australia

Judge's Associate

February 2015 to March 2016

#### Allens

Solicitor, Litigation and Dispute Resolution

February 2013 to February 2015





## Areas of Practice

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- Administrative Law
- Building and Construction
- Commercial Arbitration
- Common Law
- Consumer Law
- Corporate Disputes
- Contractual Disputes
- Equity and Trusts
- Insurance Law
- Maritime Law
- Negligence
- Professional Liability
- Property Damage
- Public Liability
- Real Property
- Workers' Compensation

## Selected Appearances

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- ***Owners Corporation No 1 PS613436T v L U Simon Builders Pty Ltd* (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 2018-19) [\[2019\] VCAT 286](#)**  
Trial of claims arising from the cladding fire at the Lacrosse Building in November 2014. Led by David Curtain QC, instructed by Wotton + Kearney.
- ***M A & J Tripodi Pty Ltd v Swan Hill Chemicals Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court of Victoria, Court of Appeal, 2019) [\[2019\] VSCA 46](#)**  
Appeal on questions concerning assessment of damages for loss of opportunity and award of costs. Led by Tim Margetts QC, instructed by Wotton + Kearney.
- ***Flash Lighting Company Ltd v Australian Kunqian International Energy Co Ltd* (Supreme Court of Victoria, 2017-18) [\[2018\] VSC 711](#)**  
Trial of claims concerning alleged breaches of directors' duties, fraud, misleading or deceptive conduct and knowing receipt of trust property. Led by Tim Margetts QC, instructed by Baker McKenzie.
- ***M A & J Tripodi Pty Ltd v Swan Hill Chemicals Pty Ltd* (County Court of Victoria, 2016-18) [\[2018\] VCC 526](#)**  
Trial of claims concerning product liability, professional negligence and damages for loss of opportunity. Led by Tim Margetts QC, instructed by Wotton + Kearney.
- ***Natty Investments Pty Ltd v Breen* (County Court of Victoria, 2018) [\[2018\] VCC 1477](#)**  
Trial of claims concerning bailment, breach of contract and misleading or deceptive conduct. Unled, instructed by Lord Commercial Lawyers.
- ***Falaras v Gouletsas* (Supreme Court of Victoria, 2017) [\[2017\] VSC 495](#)**  
Application for leave to appeal from a decision of VCAT seeking to set aside a consent order on jurisdictional grounds. Unled, instructed by Aitken Partners.





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- ***Morad v El-Ashey* (Federal Court of Australia, 2017) [\[2017\] FCA 1136](#)**  
Application for relief in relation to alleged breaches of the Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (Cth). Unled, instructed by Pearsons Lawyers.
- ***Air International Thermal Systems Co Ltd v Dong-Ah Electric Components Co Ltd* (Singapore International Arbitration Centre, 2017)**  
Arbitration concerning liability arising from a recall of defective products. Led by Tim Margetts QC, instructed by Wotton + Kearney.
- ***UDP Holdings Pty Ltd v Ironshore Corporate Capital Ltd* (Supreme Court of Victoria, 2016) (2016) 51 VR 60; [\[2016\] VSC 400](#)**  
Application to stay a proceeding in the Supreme Court of Victoria pending the outcome of a related arbitration. Led by Wendy Harris QC, instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright Australia.
- ***Swan Hill Chemicals Pty Ltd v MA & J Tripodi Pty Ltd* [\[2016\] VSCA 264](#) (Supreme Court of Victoria, Court of Appeal, 2016)**  
Appeal from a discretionary decision by a judge granting leave to amend a statement of claim at the end of a trial. Led by Tim Margetts QC, instructed by Wotton + Kearney.
- ***Easton Builders Pty Ltd v Glyndon Developments Pty Ltd (Building and Property)* (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 2016) [\[2016\] VCAT 850](#)**  
Application for security for costs in a domestic building dispute. Led by Robert Craig, instructed by Gadens.

## Professional Associations

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- Australian Insurance Law Association
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Member)
- Commercial Bar Association
- Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand (Committee Member, Victoria, past Chair)
- Melbourne Marine Insurance Forum
- Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration

