Chris Tam

Barrister

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Bar Admissions

July 2010 Queensland Bar

September 2017 New South Wales Bar

July 2015 New Zealand

October 2015 Singapore International Commercial Court

Brief Details of Professional Experience

Practicing principally in commercial law. Appeared with leaders in trials and appeals in the Supreme Court of Queensland and the Federal Court, in a constitutional case in the High Court and in commercial arbitrations

- Larger matters recorded on page 2
- Extensive experience appearing unled:
 - Circa 40 unled appearances in substantive and contested applications (all forms of injunctions –
 including anti-suit injunctions, in restraint of trade and concerning mortgages freezing orders,
 summary judgment, strike out) in the Supreme Court of Queensland
 - Circa 50 unled appearances in substantive and contested applications in other Queensland Courts,
 Federal Courts and New South Wales Courts, including urgent Duty Judge matters
 - Appeared unled in over 20 trials in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Magistrates Court of Queensland and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal
 - o Appeared unled in 2 appeals in the Queensland Court of Appeal
 - o Appeared unled in 10 appeals in the District Court of Queensland and QCAT
- International experience as counsel in trials in the High Court of New Zealand and the National Court of Papua New Guinea

Other Professional Activities and Affiliations

- Associate to the Hon Justice JA Dodds-Streeton, Victorian Court of Appeal, Federal Court of Australia
- Health and Wellbeing Committee (NSW Bar Association); Presenter, May 2018 Bar Practice Course

Education

BA/LLB (Queensland), LLM, in progress (Melbourne)

Sample Publication and Seminar

- "The Varieties of Restitution by I Jackman SC" (2018) 92 Australian Law Journal 477, 480 (book review)
- Long Arm Jurisdiction and service out in the Supreme Court of NSW and Federal Court of Australia, CPD at Squire Patton Boggs, May, 2018

Larger ongoing cases

- Acting for Bianca Rinehart and John Hancock defending proceedings in the Western Australia Supreme Court, including resisting an application for a stay of the proceedings and referral to arbitration (reserved) (led by CH Withers)
- Acting for Bianca Rinehart in proceedings in the Supreme Court of New South Wales concerning her role as Trustee of the Hope Margaret Hancock Trust (led by Dr AS Bell SC, with D Thomas and P Gaffney)
- Acting for a litigation funder intervening at the approval hearing of a S&P representative proceeding in the Federal Court of Australia (led by G Rich SC)
- Acting for a plaintiff in an appeal arising from the approval of a settlement in representative proceedings in the Victorian Court of Appeal (led by CH Withers)
- Acting for shareholders seeking to sue an investment fund, representative proceeding, NSW Supreme Court (led by CH Withers)
- Acting for a defendant in a shareholder/oppression dispute, Commercial List, NSW Supreme Court (led by M Condon SC)
- Acting for executors of a large estate in a dispute concerning the testator's testamentary capacity (led by C Harris SC)
- Acting for a plaintiff seeking recovery of a transaction fee imposed upon redeeming its investment in a Managed Investment Scheme in the NSW Supreme Court (led by J Stoljar SC)
- Acting for an investment fund seeking to sue a ratings agency in the NSW Supreme Court (led by NC Hutley SC)
- Acting for a company suing a former director, Commercial List, NSW Supreme Court (led by CH Withers)
- Acting for the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation seeking to enforce a circa AUD 50mil tax debt in the National Court of Papua New Guinea (led by Dr. J Renwick SC)
- Acting for the Pharmacy Guild of Australia in relation to various matters in various Queensland, New South Wales and Victorian courts and tribunals (led by IE Davidson SC)
- Acting for the NSW Trustee and Guardian defending proceedings in the NSW Supreme Court (led by IE Davidson SC)
- Acting for a company defending an oppression suit in the NSW Supreme Court (led by IE Davidson SC)
- Acting for a law firm resisting an injunction arising from the *Getswift* representative proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia (unled)
- Acting for a litigation funder resisting an indemnity costs order arising from representative proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia (unled)
- Acting for an appellant successfully appealing a circa \$3mil summary judgment in the Queensland Court of Appeal (unled) [2018] QCA 087
- Acting for law firms defending various professional negligence proceedings in the NSW Supreme and District Courts (unled)
- Acting for a defendant in a partnership dispute on expedition in the NSW Supreme Court (unled)
- Acting for Mercedes-Benz defending and bringing various proceedings arising from credit contracts in NSW Supreme Court and in Queensland courts (unled)

Previous larger cases prior to relocation to Sydney

- Acting for Queensland successfully resisting a High Court challenge to anti-bikie legislation (led by P Dunning QC SG, A MacSporran QC and G del Villar)
- Acting for the Registrar of the Australian Register of Ships resisting an appeal in the Full Federal Court concerning the *Shipping Registration Act* (led by P Dunning QC)
- Acting for a lender resisting a liquidator's proceeding concerning unreasonable director related transactions and concerning its proof of debt in the Supreme Court of Queensland (led by G Gibson QC)
- Acting for a bank defending proceedings in the National Court of Papua New Guinea (led by M Varitimos CBE QC and G Beacham QC)
- Acting for a company resisting an anti-suit injunction in the Supreme Court of Queensland and then defending proceedings in the High Court of New Zealand concerning kiwifruit intellectual property rights (led by J Sweeney)
- Acting for an institution defending a series of proceedings concerning child sexual abuse in the Supreme and District Courts of Queensland (led by RJ Douglas QC and M Fordham SC)
- Acting for a franchisee resisting an injunction in the District Court of Queensland and then resisting the appeal from the dismissal of the injunction in the Queensland Court of Appeal (unled)