

# Michael John Gvozdenovic

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## Education

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- 2021 – 2022     **Master of Laws – Columbia University**
- Fulbright Scholarship
  - Eleanor Sophia Wood Postgraduate Travelling Scholarship and J.B. Watt Travelling Scholarship (both awarded by the University of Sydney)
  - James Kent Scholar (highest academic honours)
  - Whitney North Seymour Medal
  - Associate to Judge Richard Sullivan, U.S. Court of Appeals (Second Circuit), and Judge Kiyo Matsumoto, U.S. District Court (Eastern District of New York)
- 2014 – 2018     **Bachelor of Laws (Hons) / Bachelor of Economics – University of Sydney**
- First in combined Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Economics cohort
  - Justice Stanley Vere Toose Memorial Prize

## Professional Experience

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- 2023 –             **Barrister – Tenth Floor Chambers**  
2022 – 2023     **Solicitor – Herbert Smith Freehills**  
2021 – 2022     **Associate – Clifford Chance**  
2020 – 2021     **Associate to the Hon Justice Michael Wigney – Federal Court of Australia**  
2019 – 2020     **Lawyer – Clayton Utz**

## Professional Recognition

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- 2026             **Legal 500**
- Competition – Leading Junior
  - IP and TMT – Rising Star
- 2024 –             **Doyle's Guide**
- Recommended Competition Law Junior Counsel, Australia

## Areas of Practice

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Michael has a broad practice and accepts briefs in all areas of commercial and public law. He has particular experience and interest in competition and consumer, intellectual property, corporations, and insolvency matters.

Michael has advised and appeared, both led and unled, for commercial and public sector clients in State and Federal courts and tribunals, including in class actions, appellate, and regulatory matters.

Michael also has experience in investigations, inquiries, and s 155 / s 19 examinations.

## Selected Cases

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### Competition Law

- *ACCC v Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd & Anor*, Federal Court of Australia (reserved | led by R Higgins SC, C Bannan, and T Epstein | instructed by Baker McKenzie); [2026] FCAFC 37; [2026] FCA 516; [2026] FCA 431; [2025] FCA 1043; [2025] FCA 1004; [2024] FCA 1237; [2024] FCA 999
- *ACCC v Spotless Facility Services Pty Ltd & Ors*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by M Hodge KC, C Exell, and S Chordia | instructed by Australian Government Solicitor)
- *ACCC v Borger Crane Hire & Rigging Services & Ors*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | acting for Two Way Cranes, Ultra Lift Cranes, and Francis Zammit | led by J Clark | instructed by Coleman Greig Lawyers)
- *ACCC v Google Asia Pacific Pte Ltd* [2025] FCA 1554 (led by M Collins KC, S Lawrance SC, C Cunliffe, J Watson, and A Muhlebach, with P O'Bryan-Gusah | instructed by Norton Rose Fulbright | not required to appear at final hearing)
- *Applications by Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and Suncorp Group Limited* [2024] ACompT 1 (led by C Moore SC, P Strickland, and T Rogan | instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer | not required to appear at final hearing)
- *In the matter of Hard Rock Enterprises Pty Ltd* (court-enforceable undertaking accepted by the ACCC | unled | instructed by CS Lawyers)
- *Australia Eastern Railroad Pty Ltd v Genesee & Wyoming, Inc*, Supreme Court of New South Wales (settled | led by C Moore SC, D Sulan SC, J Kennedy, and M Parker, with J Ibrahim | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan)
- Various advices regarding the new ACCC mandatory merger control regime

### Consumer Law

- *ACCC v Ausnew Home Care Service Pty Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by J Arnott SC; interlocutory hearing unled against silk | instructed by Arida Lawyers)
- *ACCC v Optus Mobile Pty Ltd* [2025] FCA 1177 (led by S Finch SC and A Campbell | instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer | not required to appear at final hearing)
- *ACCC v Emma Sleep GmbH* [2025] FCA 618 (led by D Tynan | instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth | not required to appear at final hearing)
- *Parents for Climate Ltd v EnergyAustralia Pty Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (settled | led by K Morgan SC and S Hartford-Davis | instructed by Ashurst)
- *JMC Automotive Group Pty Ltd v Airbus Australia Pacific Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (settled | unled | instructed by Banki Haddock Fiora)
- *R J Edwards Plumbing Pty Ltd v Fair Dinkum Caravans Pty Ltd & Anor*, District Court of New South Wales (settled | unled | instructed by Arida Lawyers)

### Intellectual Property

- *Application by Australasian Performing Right Association Limited* (ongoing | led by D Roche SC | instructed by Banki Haddock Fiora)

- *BCI Media Group Pty Ltd v CoreLogic Australia Pty Ltd & Ors*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by J Hennessy SC and C McMeniman | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)
- *Lift Shop Pty Ltd v Lioe & Easy Living Home Elevators Pty Ltd*, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (ongoing | led by C McMeniman | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)
- *Bodum AG & Ors v HAG Import Corporation (Australia) Pty Ltd* [2026] FCA 238 (led by J Hennessy SC | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)
- *Lift Shop Pty Ltd v Next Level Elevators Pty Ltd* [2026] FedCFamC2G 850; [2025] FCAFC 108; [2025] FedCFamC2G 273; [2024] FedCFamC2G 1300 (led by J Hennessy SC and M Fleming | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)
- *APRALtd v United Cinemas Australia*, District Court of New South Wales (settled | led by M Hall SC | instructed by Banki Haddock Fiora)

### **Corporations & Insolvency**

- *Dexus Capital Investment Services Pty Ltd & Ors v Australian Pacific Airports Corporation Limited* (ongoing | acting for Rest Nominees No. 2 Pty Ltd | led by C Colquhoun SC, with M Taylor | instructed by Jones Day); [2026] NSWSC 648; [2026] NSWSC 125; [2025] NSWSC 519
- *Park, in the matter of IG Power (Callide) Ltd (Administrators Appointed)* [2025] FCA 808; [2024] FCA 1245 (acted for Sev.en Global Investments a.s. | led by C Withers SC, with N Lennings | document production orders obtained unled | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan)
- *Krejci (liquidator) v Panella, in the matter of Richmond Lifts Pty Ltd (in liq)* [2025] FCA 151 (acted for third party subject to search order | led by J Jaffray | instructed by McEvoy Legal)
- *In the matter of Asbestos Injuries Compensation Fund Ltd (and WorkCover Queensland)* [2024] NSWCA 317; [2024] NSWSC 1163; [2024] NSWSC 1238 (acted for James Hardie 117 Pty Ltd | led by J Lockhart SC | instructed by McCullough Robertson Lawyers)
- *In the matter of Balamara Resources Ltd* [2024] NSWSC 1309 (acted for plaintiff | led by S Balafoutis SC, with M Taylor | instructed by KMD Law)
- *Sparks, in the matter of IG Energy Holdings (Australia) Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)* [2024] FCA 673; [2024] FCA 648; [2024] FCA 613 (settled – administrators removed, indemnity costs awarded | acted for Sev.en Gamma a.s. | led by C Withers SC and A Lyons | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan)
- *Sev.en Gamma a.s. v IG Power (Callide) Ltd (Administrators Appointed) ACN 082 413 885* [2024] FCA 30 (led by C Withers SC | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan)
- *Eric Wilson at the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority* (settled | first disqualification under the Financial Accountability Regime | led by S Tame | instructed by Ashurst)
- *ASIC disqualification notice under s 206F of the Corporations Act 2001* (no disqualification order made against individual director | led by D Studdy SC | instructed by McCullough Robertson Lawyers)
- *ASIC v Latitude Finance Australia & Harvey Normal Holdings Ltd*, Federal Court of Australia (confidentiality orders obtained for interested party | unled | instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills)

## Contract & Equity

- *Health Administration Corporation v Alphacare Pty Ltd & Ors* (ongoing | led by D Studdy SC and J Curtin | instructed by Gilbert + Tobin)
- *He & Zhu v Bu & Chen*, Supreme Court of New South Wales (ongoing | led by S Lawrance SC, with G Napier | instructed by JC Legal Practice)
- *Squillaciotti v Zmisa* [2025] NSWSC 1443 (led by J Giles SC | instructed by Somerville Legal)
- *Hills v Gooden* [2024] NSWCA 95 (unled | instructed by Kent McRae Lawyers)
- *Camnet Finance Pty Ltd v St. Elizabeth Home*, District Court of New South Wales (settled | led by R Clark | instructed by Mitry Lawyers); [2024] NSWSC 501
- *Stewart v Neove Pharma Australia Pty Ltd* (unreported, Local Court of New South Wales, 2024 | unled | instructed by Juris Cor Legal)

## Class Actions

- *R and N Hunter Pty Ltd atf the Hunter Family Superannuation Fund v Count Financial Limited*, Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia (reserved | led by T Bannon SC, T Bagley, and B O'Connor | instructed by Piper Alderman); [2025] FCA 544
- *Bain v International Capital Markets Pty Ltd & Anor*, Federal Court of Australia (ongoing | led by D Thomas SC, R Zambelli, and M Forgács | instructed by Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan); [2025] FCA 599; [2024] FCA 847; [2024] FCA 283; [2024] VSC 455
- *Brady v NULIS Nominees (Australia) Ltd in its capacity as trustee of the MLC Super Fund* [2026] FCAFC 68; [2025] FCA 1060; [2025] FCA 599; [2025] FCA 128; [2024] FCA 1374 (led by B Walker AO SC and C McMeniman | instructed by William Roberts Lawyers)
- *Karpik v Carnival plc (The Ruby Princess)* [2025] FCAFC 96 (led by J Sexton SC and C Ernst | instructed by Shine Lawyers)
- *Shimshon v MLC Nominees Pty Ltd* [2025] VSC 208 (acted for proposed intervener | led by S Habib SC | instructed by William Roberts Lawyers)
- *Williams & Kersten Pty Ltd v National Australia Bank Limited* [2025] FCA 155; [2024] FCA 1031 (led by W Edwards KC | instructed by William Roberts Lawyers)

## Public Law

- *Alice Smith (a pseudonym) v State of New South Wales* [2025] NSWSC 305 (unled | instructed by Makinson d'Apice Lawyers)
- *The Law Society of New South Wales v Attorney General of New South Wales; ABC Insurance Pty Ltd v The Law Society of New South Wales* [2025] NSWCA 182; [2024] HCASL 332; [2024] HCASL 331; [2024] NSWCA 90 (led by K Morgan SC and S Fitzpatrick SC | instructed by Clayton Utz)
- *Chan v Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission* [2023] FCA 1538 (led by J Emmett SC and B Rauf | instructed by Ashurst)

## Selected Cases as a Solicitor

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- *Applications by Telstra Corporation Ltd and TPG Telecom Ltd* [2023] ACompT 2; [2023] ACompT 1 | for Singtel Optus Ltd | merger authorisation, Pt VII of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (“CCA”)
- *ACCC v Booktopia Pty Ltd* [2023] FCA 194 | penalty proceeding, misleading or deceptive conduct
- *Epic Games Inc v Apple Inc* [2021] FCAFC 122; [2021] FCA 338 | *Epic Games Inc v Google LLC* [2022] FCA 66 | private international law; Pt IV of the CCA
- *Port of Newcastle v Glencore Coal Assets* [2021] HCA 39 | Pt IIIA access regime under the CCA
- *Application by Port of Newcastle* [2022] ACompT 1; [2021] ACompT 1 | for authorisation applicants | collective bargaining authorisation, confidentiality
- *Application by NSW Minerals Council* [2021] ACompT 5; [2021] ACompT 4; [2021] ACompT 2; [2021] ACompT 2 | Pt IIIA access regime under the CCA, production of documents, costs
- *ACCC v Pacific National Pty Ltd* [2020] FCAFC 77; [2019] FCA 669 | contested merger, CCA s 50

## Selected Publications

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### Books

- *Current Issues in Competition Law: Vol 1 – Context and Interpretation* (Federation Press, 2021) (with S Puttick) | cited in *ACCC v Australasian Food Group Pty Ltd* [2022] FCA 308; Commonwealth Treasury, ‘Merger Reform: Consultation Paper’ (November 2023)
- *Current Issues in Competition Law: Vol 2 – Practice and Perspectives* (Federation Press, 2021) (with S Puttick)

### Book chapters

- ‘The Competition and Consumer Act: Scope, Definitions, and Concepts’ in *Australian Competition Law in a Changing Context: A Handbook for Research, Teaching, and Practice* (Thomson Reuters, forthcoming)
- ‘Corporate Identity: Veils, Groups, and Attribution’ in *Bootmakers, Boards and Rogues: Issues in Australian Corporate and Securities Law* (Ross Parsons Centre, 2023) (with C Wong & Ors)
- ‘Digital Platform Acquisitions: Anti-competitive Mergers or Misuses of Market Power’ in *Current Issues in Competition Law: Vol 1 – Context and Interpretation* (Federation Press, 2021) (with D Poddar and J Sinn) | awarded 2021 Gaire Blunt Scholarship

### Journal articles

- ‘Standards of Proof and Fact Finding Through the Lens of Competition Law’ (2026) *Australian Bar Review* (forthcoming)
- ‘Development of the Common Law by Analogy to Statute’ (2023) 97(12) *Australian Law Journal* 912 (with A Waldman)
- ‘Private Litigation Following Criminal Cartel Prosecutions – In Need of Assistance?’ (2023) 51(4) *Australian Business Law Review* 223 | awarded 2024 Baxt Prize
- ‘White Island and Accidents in New Zealand: Issues in Private International Law’ (2023) 97(3) *Australian Law Journal* 175
- ‘Can Context Mutilate Text’ (2022) 96(6) *Australian Law Journal* 392 (with Justice Basten)
- ‘Government Policy: Compulsory Consideration or Discretionary Decision’ (2022) 29(1) *Australian Journal of Administrative Law* 6
- ‘Natural Meaning Equals Natural Monopoly: New Declaration Criteria for Access to Services Under the Competition and Consumer Act’ (2020) 48(3) *Australian Business Law Review* 286
- ‘Concerted Practices and Statutory Interpretation: An Affirmation of the Jurisprudence on “Contracts, Arrangements and Understandings”’ (2019) 26(3) *Competition and Consumer Law Journal* 213