

Recent examples of Meg's practice at the Bar

Administrative Law (Judicial Review)

- advised a national client on judicial review challenges to certain Victorian Govt decisions under statute (with Allan Myers QC) (instructed by Mallesons Stephen Jaques)
- advised a rural Victorian client re Victorian Govt decisions in the water area (instructed by Morrison & Sawers)

Administrative Law (Merits Review)

- acted for farmers challenging non-renewal and non-issue of ground-water licences (instructed by Morrison & Sawers; Morrow & Morrow)
- acted for Department of Education in FOI proceeding (instructed by Mallesons Stephen Jaques)
- acted for both respondents and applicants in FOI proceedings (see further detail below under FOI section)

Arbitrations

- acted for multinational (US based) client in an Arbitration before Sir Daryl Dawson concerning a dispute over a medical waste processing facility (with Alan Archibald QC and Dr Matt Collins) (instructed by Baker & McKenzie)

Bankruptcy and Insolvency

- appears in the Federal Magistrates' Court and Supreme Court in bankruptcy and insolvency matters

Building and Construction

- acted for ASC Engineering in a Victorian Supreme Court proceeding brought by Fluor Australia in relation to the Murrin Murrin project (instructed by Finlaysons)
- acted for a multinational (US based) client in an Arbitration before Sir Daryl Dawson (with Alan Archibald QC and Dr Matt Collins) (instructed by Baker & McKenzie)
- part of a team acting for BHP in a Victorian Supreme Court proceeding (document review) (instructed by Allens Arthur Robinson)
- appears in domestic building disputes at VCAT.

Commercial

- Meg appears and advises on a wide range of commercial matters.

Discrimination

- acted for an applicant at VCAT claiming discrimination in the provision of goods and services based on race, physical features and religious belief/activity (instructed by Martin Irwin & Richards)
- acted for applicant at VCAT claiming disability discrimination (instructed by VBLAS)

Environment

- See entry for Water Law below

Freedom of Information

Meg acts for both applicants and respondents in FOI matters at VCAT.

- acted for Department of Education (instructed by Mallesons Stephen Jaques)
- advised Victoria Police in FOI application
- acted for farmer applicant against Department of Primary Industries (instructed by McKean & Park)
- acting for individual applicant against Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority (instructed by Morrison & Sawers)
- acted for individual applicant against Eastern Health (instructed by VBLAS - pro bono)

Intervention orders

- Meg appears in contested intervention order proceedings in the Magistrates' Court.

Licensing and Disciplinary Tribunals

- advised client re Victorian Institute of Teaching disciplinary proceedings (instructed by Galbally & O'Bryan)

Magistrates' Court

- Meg appears regularly in Magistrates' Court proceedings including civil hearings, interlocutory applications, arbitrations and pre-hearing conferences.

Residential/Retail Tenancies

- acted for NAB to obtain possession order (instructed by Mallesons Stephen Jaques)
- acted for landlord to obtain possession order (instructed by Phillips & Wilkins)

Statutory Interpretation

- acted for a Qantas shareholder in Federal Court proceedings against Qantas alleging breach of the *Qantas Sale Act 1992* (Cth) and the Qantas constitution (with Norman O'Bryan QC) (instructed by A.J. Macken & Co)

Torts

- Sub-editor of the Laws of Australia, "Torts".

Water Law

Meg appears and advises in relation to wide range of water law matters, for example:

- acting for rural clients in Supreme Court proceedings brought by Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Authority pursuant to the Water Act
- acted for an irrigator re non-renewal of ground-water licence (merits review, VCAT) (instructed by Morrison & Sawers)
- acted for plumber in a s.16 case (liability for water flow) at VCAT (instructed by Hall & Wilcox)
- advised a rural Victorian client re Victorian Govt decisions in the water area (instructed by Morrison & Sawers)
- acted for South East Water in debt recovery proceeding (instructed by Collins & Stephens)
- advised irrigators re non-issue of groundwater licence (merits review, VCAT) (instructed by Morrow & Morrow)

Prior Experience

Prior to being called to the Bar, Meg was a solicitor at Mallesons Stephen Jaques, having completed her articles there in 2001/02.

At Mallesons, Meg's practice comprised commercial litigation, administrative law, and trade practices disputes.

Meg has an honours degree in Philosophy.