## **RUSS JOHNSON**

## **Select Cases**

## Tax related

- Commissioner of the AFP v Adam Cranston & Ors (NSWSC) Proceeds of crime matter in context of a suspected conspiracy to commit serious tax fraud where I appear for the Jason Onley, the Second Defendant, and seven others (led by Gabrielle Bashir SC)
- R v Jason Onley (NSWLC, NSWDC / NSWSC) Commonwealth serious tax crime matter related to the proceeds of crime matter above where I appear for the accused (led by Gabrielle Bashir SC)
- Investrix Pty Limited v Commissioner of Taxation (FCA) Judicial review of decision of AAT
  declining to make confidentiality orders over certain evidence of the taxpayer in Part IVC
  proceedings (led by Rashelle Seiden SC)
- JWTT and the Commissioner of Taxation (AAT) Part IVC administrative review of Commissioner's decision to issue amended GST assessments and shortfall penalty notices to corporate taxpayer in context of parallel criminal investigation and proceedings under proceeds of crime legislation (led by Rashelle Seiden SC)
- Commissioner of AFP v Kelu & Ors (NSWSC) Proceeds of crime matter in context of suspected conspiracy to commit serious tax fraud where I appear for the taxpayer and its sole director and shareholder
- Conklin v R (NSWCCA) Operation Wickenby tax crime appeal from conviction and sentence (led by Peter Bruckner)
- R v El Rich (NSWLC) Successful defence of taxpayer charged with multiple Commonwealth taxation offences
- Chang v R (NSWCCA) Appear for offender in an appeal from conviction and sentence for Commonwealth conspiracy to commit serious tax fraud (led by Peter Bruckner)
- R v Chang (NSWDC) Defence of individual charged with conspiracy to commit serious tax fraud, plea and sentencing (led by Peter Bruckner)
- Caratti v Commissioner of the AFP (FCAFC) Appeal of decision of the Federal Court
  granting partial relief in respect of a challenge to eight search warrants executed in context
  of joint agency investigation in to suspected tax fraud (led by Peter Bruckner)
- Ex parte Caratti (WASC) Judicial review proceedings in respect of criminal conviction for taxation offences (led by Peter Bruckner)

- GH1 Pty Limited & Ors v Commissioner of Taxation (FCA) Preliminary injunction matter in respect of an alleged default under Security Deed between taxpayer and the Commissioner (led by Mark Robertson QC)
- Caratti v Commissioner of Taxation; Bazzo v Commissioner of Taxation (FCA) Preliminary injunction matter involving an alleged default under Security Deed between taxpayers and the Commissioner
- Caratti v Commissioner of the AFP (FCA) Challenge to eight search warrants executed at various premises of various taxpayers in context of suspected GST tax fraud (led by Peter Bruckner)
- R v Seller (HCA, NSWCCA, NSWSC) Criminal defence of individuals charged with conspiracy to dishonestly influence the Commissioner, resulting in acquittal, where I appeared in various interlocutory applications and appeals; a special leave application; and a 5 week jury trial (led by Peter Bruckner)

## <u>Other</u>

- Onley v Catlin Syndicate (FCAFC) Application for declaratory relief for entitlement to indemnity under a management liability policy of insurance
- Kang v Bishop & Ors (NSWSC, NSWCA) Judicial review proceedings in respect of criminal conviction in the Local Court of State fraud offences
- George 218 & Ors v Bank of Queensland (WASCA)— Appeal of decision of the WASC to enforce a guarantee in circumstances where the creditor bank had been acquired by the respondent bank (led by Peter Bruckner)
- Leroy v Avcon (NSW) Pty Ltd & Ors (FCA)— Appeared for trustee in bankruptcy in a dispute concerning the operation of a trust
- Savo v Roberts; Savo v Quantum Transport (NSWLC, NSWSC) Contract dispute concerning ownership of transport business
- Macquarie International Health Clinic v Sydney Local Health District (NSWSC) Complex damages inquiry which was heard over 100 days (led by Gregory Burton SC and Peter Bruckner)