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Recent Cases

Taxation & Revenue

Citation	Subject Matter		Description	Instructor
HWFX and Commissioner of Taxation	Default assessment		Unled for the Commissioner of	Australian Taxation Office
(Taxation) [2025] ARTA 680			Taxation. All decisions under review	
			affirmed.	
Australia Investment Group Holdings	Legal professional privilege	and	Interlocutory hearing in ART	Brown Wright Stein
Pty Ltd v Commissioner of Taxation	waiver of privilege		appearing for taxpayer and led by E	
			Kovacs. Judgment reserved.	

Commercial

Citation	Subject Matter	Description	Instructor
AHG (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes Benz	Franchising; contract; unconscionable	Appeal before Full Federal Court.	HWL Ebsworth Lawyers
Australia Pty Ltd	conduct	Acted for appellants; led by N Hutley	
		SC (with T Castle SC, C Parkinson	
		KC, T Bagley, A Elizabeth; briefed to	
		prepare submissions but not appear).	
		Judgment reserved.	

Michael Buckley t/as Pebble	Contract	Acted for plaintiff.	Piper Alderman
Consulting v Splend Pty Ltd NSWLC		Unled.	
(unreported)			
In the matter of 1derful Pty Limited	Fiduciary duties, statutory	Led by E Walker.	Teneo Corporate Lawyers
[2024] NSWSC 1414	unconscionability and conspiracy.		
Lindfield NSW Pty Ltd v Netdeen Pty	Franchising; contract; unconscionable	Successfully acted for plaintiff;	Addisons
Ltd t/as G.J. Gardner Homes (No 3)	conduct	judgment for \$20 million.	
[2024] NSWSC 1305		Led by T Castle SC (with D Levi).	

Family, criminal law, and other

Citation	Subject Matter	Description	Instructor
Menon v R; Onley v R [2025] NSWCCA 56	Application for request to sheriff for investigation of potential juror	•	Kingston Fox
	impropriety pursuant to s 73A of <i>Jury Act 1977</i>		

Select Cases (as a solicitor)

Banking, Insolvency and Commercial

- AHG WA (2015) Pty Ltd v Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd [2023] FCA 1022. Franchising; unconscionable conduct under s 21 of the Australian Consumer Law. Instructed T Castle SC (and others).
- WFM Motors Pty Limited v Bar M Pty Limited [2022] NSWSC 1500. Guarantee; unjust contracts; unconscionable conduct. Instructed P Jammy.
- In the matter of Bryve Resources Pty Ltd [2022] NSWSC 647. Breaches of duties under s 180 and 181 of the Corporations Act 2001; voidable transactions. Instructed D Krochmalik.

Taxation and debt recovery

• Widdup v Deputy Commissioner of Taxation [2023] FCAFC 145. Leave to appeal interlocutory order; allegation of material non-disclosure upon ex parte application for freezing order. Instructed E Bishop SC and T Arnold.

•	Banner and Cody (No 2) [2023] FedCFamC1F 345. Property settlement; recovery of unpaid taxation liabilities; lien over fruits of litigation. Instructed E Kovacs.			
•	Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Widdup (No 2) [2023] FCA 377. Freezing order; family trust distribution tax. Instructed E Bishop SC and T Russell. Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Miraki [2022] FCAFC 96. Leave to appeal; freezing orders and Real Property Act 1900. Instructed E Collins SC and D Ward.			
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