

# Tom Rawlinson

## Barrister

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**HIGHLIGHTS** Associate, High Court of Australia (Nettle J)  
LL.M, Columbia University, Kent Scholar (first-class honours)  
JD, Melbourne Law School (ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>)

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<b>BAR ROLL</b>	<b>PRACTICE AREAS</b>	
May 2022	General commercial	Constitutional law
	Corporations & securities	Administrative law
<b>ADMISSIONS</b>	Class actions	Judicial review
Victoria, 2014	Insolvency & bankruptcy	Merits review
New York, 2018	Banking & finance	Migration
	Competition & consumer law	Anti-discrimination
	Equity & trusts	Professional regulation & discipline
	Superannuation	
		Major torts
	Business & corporate crime	Product liability
	Criminal appeals (all areas)	Defamation

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**PREVIOUS POSITIONS** **Phi Finney McDonald, Melbourne**, Senior Associate, 2020–22  
Class actions with focus on shareholder claims

**Kaplan Hecker & Fink, New York**, Associate, 2017–20  
Complex commercial disputes, class actions, anti-discrimination, defamation, arbitration  
(Practised as attorney admitted in New York state & federal courts)

**Allens, Melbourne**, Graduate/lawyer 2014, Associate 2016  
Corporate insolvency, complex commercial disputes, class actions, anti-discrimination, tax controversy

**High Court of Australia**, 2015  
Associate to the Hon Justice Geoffrey Nettle AC KC

**Supreme Court of the Northern Territory**, 2013  
Associate to the Hon Chief Justice Trevor Riley AO KC

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**EDUCATION** **Columbia Law School**  
Master of Laws, 2017  
James Kent Scholar (equivalent to 1<sup>st</sup> class honours)

**Melbourne Law School**  
Juris Doctor, 2012  
Graduated ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in class, received Top Student award and awards for placing first-in-class for four subjects  
Editor, *Melbourne University Law Review*

**Adelaide University**  
Bachelor of Music (Jazz Performance), 2006

## Selected matters

- *LCM Funding Pty Ltd v Stanwell Corporation Limited* [2022] FCAFC 103 (Full Court of the Federal Court of Australia). Appeal regarding application of managed investment scheme legislation to class action litigation funding. Junior counsel to court-appointed contradictor William A D Edwards.
- *Southernwood v Brambles Limited*, VID972/2018 (Federal Court of Australia). Shareholder class action; briefed by the representative applicants to appear at trial. Led by Bernie Quinn KC, with William A D Edwards and Tim Chalke. (Judgment reserved.)
- *Yong v Westpac Banking Corporation*, VID1373/2019 (Federal Court of Australia). Shareholder class action; briefed by the representative applicant. Led by Elizabeth Collins SC, with Dion Fahey. (Ongoing.)
- *Corum Systems Pty Ltd v Fred IT Group Pty Ltd*, S ECI 2020 02683 (Supreme Court of Victoria). Joint venture dispute involving breach-of-contract and restitution claims; briefed by plaintiff to assist in evidence preparation and to appear at hearing of discovery dispute. Led by Peter Wallis KC, with Sam Ure. (Ongoing.)

