

Marcus Hassall

Barrister



Practice summary

Marcus Hassall is a former federal prosecutor with more than 25 years' advocacy experience in a diverse range of jurisdictions and tribunals. Marcus accepts briefs in commercial, administrative, criminal, disciplinary and other matters, and has a particular interest in those requiring skilled cross-examination and/or proficiency with complex financial structures and records. Marcus was previously the Commonwealth DPP's principal lawyer responsible for federal proceeds of crime proceedings and maintains a specific interest in this area.

Each year between 2021 and 2025, Marcus has been recognised in Doyle's Guide as a Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Barrister in the ACT. Marcus was the President of the ACT Bar Association from 2023-2024.

Practice areas

Administrative Law	Criminal Law
Appellate	Disciplinary proceedings
Building Disputes	Family provision
Commercial Law	Inquests and inquiries
Consumer Law	Insolvency
Contract Law	Proceeds of crime

Admissions and qualifications

Called to the Bar	2011
Admission as a legal practitioner	1994
Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Australian National University	1994
Bar membership in the ACT and NSW	
Entitled to practice in all Australian States and Territories	

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Significant cases

- ***Millington v Peach (No 2) [2025] ACTSC 21***. Appeared unled in human rights and administrative law proceedings relating to transfer of ACT detainee to NSW correctional facility.
- ***Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police v HWCJ GLB Pty Ltd (No 2) [2024] NSWSC 482***. Appeared unled in application to exclude property from restraint under *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth).
- ***Wu v Wu [2024] ACTCA 29***. Appeared for respondent unled in hearing regarding consequential orders to be made following setting aside of historical transfer of ACT residential property.
- ***Wu v Wu [2024] ACTCA 8 & [2022] ACTSC 360***. Appeared for first defendant/respondent (led by Philip Walker SC) in both trial and appeal in common law and equity proceedings to set aside historical transfer of ACT residential property.
- ***Su v 5 Blackman Cres Macquarie Pty Ltd [2022] ACTCA 62***. Appeared unled for respondent in contested application for leave to appeal from interlocutory case management decision of ACTSC dismissing proceedings for non-compliance with court directions.
- ***O'Mara Holdings Pty Ltd v The Patch Australia Pty Ltd [2022] FCA 366***. Appeared for respondents (unled) in contested hearing for alleged misleading or deceptive conduct under Australian Consumer Law.
- ***Scentre Management Ltd v Planning and Land Authority [2021] ACTSC 171***. Appeared for respondent (led by Tom Howard SC) in judicial reviewing proceedings relating to planning approval for proposed Belconnen Markets redevelopment.
- ***Village No 22 Pty Ltd v Planning and Land Authority of the ACT [2021] ACAT 43***. Appeared as lead counsel for respondent in merits review proceedings relating to proposed \$110 million estate development.
- ***Song & Ors v Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police [2019] VSCA 206***. Appeared for applicant (unled) in application for extension of time to appeal the making of restraining orders under *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth).
- ***Capital Recycling Solutions Pty Ltd v Planning and Land Authority of the ACT [2019] ACTSC 58***. Appeared for applicant (led by Tom Howard SC) in application for judicial review of decision of Planning & Land Authority purporting to revoke previous development approval.
- ***DPP (ACT) v Booth (2018) 13 ACTLR 38***. Appeared unled for interested party in DPP reference appeal concerning the interpretation of “prejudicial effect” in subs 101(2) of the *Evidence Act 2011* (ACT).
- ***Director of Public Prosecutions (ACT) v DL [2018] ACTCA 61***. Appeared unled for interested party in DPP reference appeal concerning meaning of “prejudicial effect” in s 101(2) of Uniform Evidence Acts where prejudice relates to conduct of defence of other proceedings.
- ***Commissioner of Australian Federal Police v Karmadonov and Ors (QSC 18/5/18 & 12/8/16 – restricted publications)***. Appeared for respondents (led by Peter Davis QC) in applications for declarations concerning the conduct of compulsory examinations under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2002* (Cth).
- ***Dunn v Hanson Australasia Pty Ltd and Ors [2017] ACTSC 169; (2017) 12 ACTLR 138***. Appeared for plaintiffs (unled) in claim for damages for defective residential building work involving breaches of statutory warranties implied by *Building Act 2004* (ACT), misleading or deceptive conduct contrary to *Trade Practices Act 1974* (Cth) & proportionate liability issues.

Publications

- It's not (just) my fault: Proportionate liability provisions in the ACT. ACT Law Society, October 2018.
- Gone in 60 seconds: statutory forfeiture in the ACT. Ethos, February 2017.
- Affidavits that support your cause of action. Legalwise, March 2014.
- Setting aside statutory demands. ACT Law Society, February 2014.
- Compulsory examinations and the right to a fair trial. NSW Bar News, January 2014.

Other

Feb 2023 – Mar 2024	President, ACT Bar Association
2021-2024	Doyle's Guide Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Barrister (ACT)
2016-2021	Commissioner, ACT Legal Aid Commission
2013-2020	Course mentor, Commercial Law, ANU College of Law
2007-2011	Senior Assistant Director, Criminal Assets, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
1998-2006	Prosecutor, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
1996-1997	Solicitor, Australian Government Solicitor

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