

# John Bird Barrister



John has a diverse practice built on more than 15 years' experience in global and national law firms. He is listed in Best Lawyers of Australia (2022, 2021 editions) for Government Practice. He is recommended in Doyles Guide 2019-2021 for commercial litigation.

## Admissions and Qualifications

Called to the Bar	2020
Masters of Government and Commercial Law (with merit) (ANU)	2007
Admitted as a legal practitioner	2003
Bachelor of Laws and Asian Studies (Japanese) (ANU)	2002

## Practice areas

Administrative & Public Law	Building & Construction
Commercial Law	Human Rights Law
Migration Law	Anti-dumping / trade
Commercial Lease disputes	FOI disputes
Commissions and Inquiries	Torts including Dust Diseases
Planning and Development	Building rectification orders

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## Relevant experience

John's practice focuses on commercial litigation and public law (Commonwealth and Australian Capital Territory).

In the Commonwealth sphere, he has acted for a wide variety of Ministers and agencies under multiple statutory schemes canvassing both merits and judicial review of administrative action, complex commercial disputes, and civil claims (including Comcover and Dust Disease Tribunal matters).

In the Territory, he has acted in planning matters, property (including strata and commercial leasing) disputes, contract and equitable claims, and building and construction litigation (including Security of Payment legislation and the statutory warranties in the ACT Building Act).

## Select cases

- *Quanton Pty Ltd v ACT Planning and Land Authority* [2021] ACTSC 139 (led by Walker SC). Successfully appealed decision of ACAT to issue controlled-activity order
- *Scentre Management Limited v ACT Planning and Land Authority* [2021] ACTSC 171
- *Bolaram v Australian Capital Territory (Appeal)* [2021] ACAT 64 (appeared for the Territory and successfully resisted appeal)
- *LFRS and Minister for Foreign Affairs* [2021] AATA 79 (appeared for the Minister in connection with Passports Act matter)
- *Rosa & the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela (Residential Tenancies)* [2019] ACAT 33
- *Morozow v ACTPLA & Ors (Administrative Review)* [2017] ACAT 79 (acted for developer in planning dispute)
- *Kersten and Secretary, Department of Employment* [2016] AATA 1052 (Acted for the Secretary)
- *Jones and Australian Federal Police* [2016] AATA 329 (acted for AFP)
- *Gracie v The Owners Units Plan 3411 & ors (Unit Titles)* [2016] ACAT 3 (acted for developer in case involving application to appoint administrator to Owners Corporation)
- *Archerfield Airport and Minister for Infrastructure & Regional Development* [2015] AATA 489
- *Manny v Sims, Parberry, O'Keefe and Smith* [2014] ACTSC 183
- *Wagdy Hanna v National Library* [2013] ACTCA 24 (acted for the National Library of Australia on a security for costs application in the ACT Court of Appeal)
- *Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited v Manny (No.6)* [2013] ACTSC 261
- *Red Bull (Australia) Pty Ltd and Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry* [2011] AATA 157
- *Mourikis, Comcare v Patrick Operations Pty Ltd* [2010] NSWDDT 6 (acted for Comcare).
- *SZGRL v Minister for Immigration & Anor* [2006] FMCA 632 (acted for the Minister)

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