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### PROFILE

Cathy has expertise in employment, discrimination, administrative law and regulatory proceedings. She has an appellate and trial practice and appears both led and unled.

Cathy also has Royal Commission and Board of Inquiry experience.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND ADMISSIONS

#### **BA LLB**

University of Tasmania  
1997

Cathy was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and entered onto the High Court Register of Practitioners in 1997.

Cathy signed the Victorian Bar Roll in 2010.

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appellate
- Discrimination
- Employment contracts
- Industrial disputes
- Inquests and inquiries
- Judicial review and administrative law
- Merits review
- Occupational health and safety
- Statutory employment rights
- Unfair dismissal
- Workers compensation



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The following is a sample of Cathy's current and recent matters (client in bold):

- *Bashour v **Australian New Zealand Banking Group Ltd and others***
  - [2024] VCAT 1197 (led by Ms R Doyle SC)
  - [2022] VSC 252 (led by Ms R Doyle SC)
  - [2020] VSC 748 (lead by Ms L De Ferrari SC)
- ***Fair Work Ombudsman v Melotte and another** [2024] FedCFamC2G 1318*
- *Wilson v **Australian Federal Police (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia)** [2024] FWC 18*
- ***Ling Zhuang v Fei Ren and Ors** MLG546/2023 (matter settled without proceeding to hearing)*
- *IXY (obo NXT), MFY (obo YVG), PTB (obo SWT), IBW (obo LJV), HXW (obo MJN), HHQ (obo QPO) and JLO (obo ZFJ) v **State of Victoria (Department of Education) and another** H165/2023, H166/2023, H167/2023, H168/2023, H169/2023, H223/2023 and H225/2023 (current proceeding)*
- *Waters v **Hoyts Corporation** H381/2023 (current proceeding)*
- ***Fair Work Ombudsman v E-Agri Management and Technical Services Pty Ltd** [2023] FedCFamC2G 1029*
- *Ross v **Commonwealth of Australia** [2022] VSC 779*
- *Ellison v **Comcare** [2022] FCA 95*
- *JYR and others v **State of Victoria (Department of Education)** H347/2022 (matter resolved without proceeding to hearing)*
- *Association of Employees with a Disability v **Commonwealth of Australia** [2021] FCAFC 36 (led by Mr P Hank QC)*
- ***Fair work Ombudsman v China Bar Buffett (Epping) Pty Ltd and Others** [2021] FCCA 1430*
- ***Comcare v Kemp** [2020] FCA 865*
- ***Fair Work Ombudsman v United Petroleum Pty Ltd** [2020] FCA 590*

Cathy was a counsel assisting the *Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability* (led by Ms K Eastman SC and Ms E Bennett SC), and junior counsel for the State of Victoria in the *Board of Inquiry into historical child sexual abuse in Beaumaris Primary School and certain other government schools* (led by Ms J Firkin KC).