

Steven Standing - profile

I have many years' experience in commercial litigation, having worked for 30 years as a commercial litigation lawyer at Herbert Smith Freehills prior to joining the Bar in 2015.

Since commencing as a barrister, I have acted in a wide range of matters, including:

- Contract disputes
- Construction, oil and gas, and mining industry arbitrations
- Misleading and deceptive conduct disputes
- Shareholder oppression claims
- Release of security under construction contracts
- Estate administration and wills
- Restraint of trade
- Corporations Act prosecutions
- Liquor licensing matters (including regular appearances for one of Australia's major retailers in various licensing applications and appeals, and representing defendants in prosecutions)
- Planning disputes (judicial review)
- Unfair preference claims

In 2015, I gained accreditation as a mediator, and my experience since then has confirmed to me that mediation is (when conducted properly) a very cost effective, efficient way of resolving disputes. Since coming to the bar, I have mediated more than 20 disputes (nearly all of which have settled at mediation) and I have published papers and presented a number of seminars in this area.

I also have extensive competition law experience including in relation to price fixing, market power and restraint of trade cases, negotiations with the ACCC, preparation of notifications for joint ventures and marketing arrangements, and advice in relation to advertising and misleading and deceptive conduct issues. I was a member of the Competition Committee of the Law Council of Australia for a number of years.