

Christian Teese

Partner

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Christian Teese is a Partner with over 15 years of specialised practice experience in wills, estates, trusts litigation and automotive.

Christian has extensive experience acting for administrators and trustees in relation to estate and trust administration issues, as well as beneficiaries and other claimants pursuing a diverse range of wills, trusts and estate issues. He has extensive experience advising not-for-profit entities and is a regular presenter to the profession on estates litigation.

In addition to his specialised Wills, estates and trusts experience, Christian has acted for motor vehicle manufacturers and financiers, dealership groups, dealer councils and heavy machinery manufacturers across of a broad range of disputes, regulatory and general advisory issues in multiple jurisdictions.

Recognised for his expertise in wills and estates litigation, disputes and contested matters, Christian has been 'recommended' for three consecutive years in the Doyle's Guide, *Leading Wills & Estates Litigation Lawyers – Victoria*. He was first recognised as a 'Rising Star' in 2021.

Christian has earned recognition for taking a cost-effective and sensible approach to litigation and has significant experience in disputes concerning legal costs.

Expertise

Wills, Trusts & Estates

Litigation &
Dispute Resolution

Sectors

Automotive

Not-for-profit

Significant experience

- Acting for high-profile not-for-profit organisations in relation to disputed estates and administration issues.
- Acting for trustees of large family trusts in Supreme Court litigation concerning fiduciary duties and unpaid present entitlements.
- Acting for plaintiffs in multiple complex constructive trust and estoppel claims against estate executors and related companies.
- Acting for plaintiffs, defendants and affected beneficiaries in relation to claims for Family Provision Orders from deceased estates in the Supreme Court of Victoria.
- Acting for applicants for Court approval of settlements affecting minors and persons under disability.
- Acting for applicants for Court approval of arrangements to vary complex trusts.
- Advising independent administrators and beneficiaries in relation to complex will, trust and other drafting construction issues.
- Advising claimants, defendants and affected beneficiaries in relation to testamentary capacity and undue influence claims.
- Acting for a major not-for-profit entity in a complex, multi-million-dollar successful c'y pres application.
- Representing clients in mediations and pre-trial settlement conferences.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Laws,
La Trobe University

Bachelor of Economics,
La Trobe University

Memberships

Law Institute of Victoria

Victorian Chamber of
Commerce and Industry

Significant experience, cont.

- Acting for clients in applications for grants of representation, including complex applications involving overseas assets, disputed applications and urgent applications for interim grants.
- Acting for a large motor vehicle original equipment manufacturer (OEM) across a range of product liability disputes.
- Acting for a large motor vehicle finance company in relation to complex claims, debt recovery and collections matters.
- Acting for multiple large motor vehicle dealership groups in relation to motor vehicle product liability litigation.
- Acting for a publicly listed motor vehicle dealership company in relation to product recall and product liability litigation.
- Acting for a multinational heavy equipment manufacturer in a high value product liability dispute.
- Acting for multiple motor vehicle dealers in Supreme Court litigation against a major OEM concerning breach of contract in end of term arrangements.
- Advising the peak industry body representing motor vehicle dealers in relation to regulatory reform and policy, product recall and product liability issues.
- Acting for consumers in consumer protection disputes concerning motor vehicles.