

Victoria Comino

Partner

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Victoria Comino is the Lead Partner of our Workplace Relations group, with over 20 years of workplace relations experience across both legal and commercial practice.

Victoria's expertise includes advising employers across a number of industry sectors, including transport and logistics, manufacturing, finance, security, pharmaceutical, residential construction, hospitality, professional services and local government. Victoria has a particular interest in assisting employers facing litigation such as unfair dismissal and adverse action.

Prior to her admission to legal practice, Victoria worked in employee relations and human resources in the finance, automotive, and local government sectors.

Victoria leverages her extensive experience as a lawyer and senior human resources practitioner to deliver practical and commercial advice and support to her clients. She provides prompt and straightforward guidance, enabling her clients to make informed business decisions.

Expertise

Workplace Relations

Sectors

Transport & Logistics

Significant experience

Victoria's experience includes:

- Advising companies on a range of workplace relations and employment issues including performance management, termination of employment, managing absenteeism, employment contracts, and legislative compliance.
- Assisting companies to navigate the legal process when current or former employees file a complaint or claim (discrimination, unfair dismissal or general protections), including conducting conciliation/mediation conferences and subsequent hearings.
- Acting for a financial services company in a Supreme Court of Victoria action against former employees for breach of confidentiality and post-employment restraint.
- Acting for a local government organisation that discovered drug dealing occurring at their workplace, including assisting with the management of the issue and the successful handling of the subsequent multiple unfair dismissal claims.
- Acting for a security organisation that discovered misconduct that breached its obligations to its clients and managing the resulting claims.
- Acting for a construction business and successfully defending a claim of breach of contract in the County Court of Victoria where the Applicant sought circa half a million in damages.
- Advising an international technical services company on managing a non-performing management employee who was being internally investigated for other matters, while the employee also claiming bullying by the CEO, during a protracted restructure.

Qualifications

Masters of Employment and Labour Relations Law,
The University of Melbourne

Bachelor of Laws (Hons),
Monash University

Graduate Diploma
Industrial Relations and
Employee Relations,
Monash University

Bachelor of Business
(Organisational Behaviour
and Business Law),
Swinburne University

Memberships

Law Institute of Victoria

Significant experience, cont.

- Investigated bullying claims against management in a remote branch of a national bank and provided legal advice and recommendations from the findings.
- Acting for a professional business following their discovery of misappropriation of funds by the departing CFO and Operations Manager and successfully acting in the proceedings to recover the funds.