

# Christopher Tran

## Barrister

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## PRACTICE

Administrative and public law; commercial law; competition law; employment law and industrial relations; constitutional law; criminal law

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014 – Present

### Barrister

- Doyle's Guide 2020, 2021, 2022 – Recommended Junior Counsel (Employment Law – Victoria)
- Doyle's Guide 2021, 2022, 2023 – Junior Counsel (Administrative and Public Law – Australia)
- Doyle's Guide 2024 – Junior Counsel (Administrative and Public Law – New South Wales)
- Victorian Bar, Human Rights Committee (2014 – 2017)
- Victorian Bar, Bar Readers' Course Sub-committee (2014 – 2019)
- Victorian Bar, Student Engagement Committee (2014 – 2016)
- Daniel Pollack Readers Award for pro bono work (2016)
- Public Interest/Justice Innovation Award (2023)
- Reporter, Commonwealth Law Reports (2014 – 2020)
- Law Council of Australia, National Security Committee (2022 – present)

2011, March – July 2013

**Solicitor**, King & Wood Mallesons (Dispute Resolution)

2012 – March 2013

**Associate** to Justice Hayne, High Court of Australia

## EDUCATION

August 2013 – May 2014

### Harvard Law School – Masters of Law

- Menzies Scholarship to Harvard
- Dean's Scholar Prize for Administrative Law
- Dean's Scholar Prize for Constitutional Analysis
- Senior Editor, Harvard Human Rights Journal

2006 – 2010

### University of Melbourne – Bachelor of Arts / Bachelor of Laws (Hons)

- Supreme Court Prize
- Subject prizes for Competition Law, Trusts and Remedies, Remedies, WTO Moot Team, Property, Legal Theory, Obligations, Legal Method and Reasoning and Torts

- Melbourne University National Scholarship
- Editor, Melbourne University Law Review
- Winner, European Law Students' Association Moot Court Competition on the Law of the World Trade Organization, including prizes for Best Overall Written Submissions and Best Oralist in the Semi-Finals

## PUBLICATIONS

### Edited Collections

*Anti-Cartel Enforcement in a Contemporary Age: The Leniency Religion* (2015) (co-editor with Caron Beaton-Wells)

### Articles

"Act is a Remedy, not a Weapon", *Law Institute Journal* (October 2015) (with David O'Callaghan QC)

"New Perspectives on Australian Constitutional Citizenship and Constitutional Identity" (2012) 33 *Adelaide Law Review* 199

"Facts and Evidence in Litigation under the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Vic) and the *Human Rights Act 2004* (ACT)" (2012) 36 *Melbourne University Law Review* 287

"Revisiting Allegiance and Diplomatic Protection" [2012] *Public Law* 197

"Just Another Fish in the Sea? The WTO Panel Decision in *US - Tuna IIP*" (2012) 29 *Environmental and Planning Law Journal* 45

"'Trading or Financial Corporations' under Section 51(xx) of the Constitution: A Multifactorial Approach' (2011) 37 *Monash University Law Review* 12

"The 'Fatal Conundrum' of 'No-Consideration' Clauses after *Plaintiff M61*" (2011) 39 *Federal Law Review* 303

"*Wong v Commonwealth*: Missed Opportunities, Contemporary Meaning and the People" (2011) 13 *Constitutional Law & Policy Review* 76

"Government Duties to Provide Diplomatic Protection in a Comparative Perspective" (2011) 85 *Australian Law Journal* 300

"Using GATT, Art XX to Justify Climate Change Measures in Claims under the WTO Agreements" (2010) 27 *Environmental and Planning Law Journal* 346

“The Consistency of the European Union Renewable Energy Directive with World Trade Organization Agreements: The Case of Biofuels” (2010) 1 *Renewable Energy Law and Policy Review* 33 (with Andrew Mitchell)

### **Book Chapters**

“Undertakings: Constitutionality, Commerciality, and Other Considerations” in Michael Gvozdenovic and Stephen Puttick (eds), *Volume 2 – Current Issues in Competition Law: Practice and Perspectives* (2021) (with Justin Gleeson SC)