

Howells' List

Barristers

Barrister Profile

Mark Purvis

B. Comm., LL. B.

Chambers:

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Areas of Practice:

- [Commercial](#)
- [General Commercial](#)

QUALIFICATIONS

B. Comm., LL. B.

BAR PRACTICE

Mark has a broad commercial practice, with particular expertise in insurance law. He has been acting for several of Australia's largest insurance companies for more than twenty years. Within the insurance field, Mark has built a strong practice in complex fraud matters, particularly in relation to motor vehicles, but also in arson and burglary cases.

Mark has also appeared in numerous general negligence matters, from motor vehicle collisions to high value mechanical equipment failures. He has acted successfully both for and against property valuers, estate agents, body corporate managers, dentists and lawyers in professional negligence cases.

Mark also accepts briefs in commercial debt recovery claims, contractual disputes and owners' corporation matters. He regularly appears in the Magistrates' Court, but also has wide experience at VCAT, and in the County, Supreme and Federal Courts.

Sports law is another specialty, with Mark having acted for athletes in drug cases and appeals against Olympic Games non-selection. He is the Chairman of the Synchronised Swimming Australia Appeals Tribunal.

In all his cases, Mark employs his strong negotiating, financial, forensic and cross-examination skills to obtain the best possible outcomes for his clients.

Education:

1969-75 Scotch College
1976-78, 1981-84 University of Melbourne

Qualifications:

B.Comm (1978)
LL.B (1984)

Employment:

1979-81 Marketing, Audit BP Australia 1979-81
1986-91 Solicitor Clarke Richards/Purves Clarke
Richards
1991-present Barrister

Major corporate clients have included:

RACV Insurance
Insurance Manufacturers of Australia
AllianzInsurance

Zurich Insurance
GIO

AAMI

Fortis Insurance

Private clients have included:

Emma George (former pole vault world record holder)

Nicole Boegman (long jumper - appeal against omission from Olympic team 2000)

Nick Tsoulis (Taekwondo player - appeal against omission from Olympic team 2000)

Steve Ovett (Olympic gold medallist, former 1500m world record holder)

Carolyn Schuwalow (former Australian 10000m record holder)

Other interests:

Treasurer & Registrar, Old Scotch Collegians' Athletic Club

Team Manager, APS United Athletic Club

Life Member, Associated Public Schools Amateur Athletic Association

Member, Melbourne Cricket Club

Member, Melbourne Football Club

Member, Royal Melbourne Golf Club