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Areas of Practice	Civil / Commercial / Trade Practices / Bankruptcy / Property / Building and Construction / Equity and Trusts / Defamation / Professional Negligence / Technology
General profile	<p>Chris practices primarily in commercial litigation, professional negligence, property disputes (incl. trusts), banking/finance litigation and intellectual property matters.</p> <p>Chris is able to assist in other areas of the law other than pure commercial law. Full CV available upon request.</p> <p>Chris read with Will Alstergren QC.</p>
Previous occupation	Banking and finance industry (ANZ Bank and National Australia Bank) – 5 years Commercial litigation firm - solicitor Department of Human Service – Solicitor
Significant cases:	<p><i>Sharma v Victorian WorkCover Authority</i> (2012) 36 VR 318; [2012] VSCA 254 – Victorian Supreme Court – Court of Appeal decision on scope of ss 60(2) and 60(4) of the Bankruptcy Act 1966 (Cth).</p> <p><i>Macdonald v Harmonious Blend Building Corporation Pty Ltd</i> (Building and Property) [2016] VCAT 1556 – Case on whether the parties entered into a binding settlement agreement and whether the settlement agreement discharged the</p>

parties' rights and obligations under the original building contract. Case also dealt with election, specifically whether performance of the original building contract constitutes an election to rescind the settlement agreement.

R J & C Holdings Pty Ltd v Parkside Developments Vic Pty Ltd [2016] VCC 237 – County Court of Victoria – Case regarding abandonment of easement and trespass to land.

Gluyas v Canby [2015] VSC 11 – Victorian Supreme Court trial on defamation over the internet.

Owners Corporation 2 Plan No PS515508R v MAV Group Pty Ltd (Building and Property) [2015] VCAT 1025 – Scope of settlement agreement and whether it restrained litigant from joining proposed third party to a proceeding.

Australian Vocational Driving Institute Pty Ltd v State of Victoria; State of Victoria v Austwide Institute of Training Pty Ltd [2014] VCC 480 – County Court of Victoria – Scope of obligations imposed by *Harman v Secretary of State for the Home Department* [1983] 1 AC 280; alleged breach of *Harman* obligation.

Jeffrey-Potts v Garel [2012] VSC 237 – Victorian Supreme Court trial on Baumgartner constructive trusts (twenty day trial).

Soia & Ors v Bennett – various judgments, but see : *Soia v Bennett [No 5]* [2012] WASC 289 – Western Australia Supreme Court trial on a failed joint venture (trial exceeding forty sitting days).

Pro bono practice

Chris volunteers for Springvale Monash Legal Service (SMLS) (he commenced volunteering around 2007). He is presently a supervisor.