

## The International Law Practice Group

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The International Law practice group of 6 St James Hall Chambers is the Southern Hemisphere's pre-eminent international law practice with a global reach that transcends all national boundaries. Led by prominent Senior Counsel and immediate past President of the International Law Association, Dr Christopher Ward SC, the group consists of leading independent practitioners of international law including Senior Counsel (formerly known as 'QCs'), experienced junior counsel and senior academics. Our counsel have unrivalled reputations for the provision of exceptional service at the highest levels. They are reputable, ethical, experienced and cost-effective. They provide intelligent, focused and responsive advice and representation to Governments, major listed corporations, international and domestic non-governmental organisations, diplomats and individuals throughout the world. They have experience in litigation in all international tribunals including United Nations tribunals and treaty bodies, the European Court of Justice and European Court of Human Rights, regional tribunals and superior domestic courts.

Specialising in both public and private international law, our counsel provide timely advice and robust advocacy in all areas of international law. Our barristers have extensive experience in:

- Maritime and land boundary disputes
- International environmental law and climate change litigation
- Human rights and personal freedoms
- Resources and energy including green energy
- Diplomatic privileges and immunities
- War crimes, genocide, crimes against humanity and associated compliance issues
- Extradition disputes
- Death penalty litigation
- Relief and representation for prisoners abroad
- Aviation including Chicago Convention and ICAO
- Maritime, admiralty and transportation law
- United Nations Sanctions and compliance
- National security, terrorism and espionage issues
- Hague Convention disputes including international child abduction and cross-border enforcement;
- International commercial arbitration
- International commercial disputes including insolvency, trade and investment
- Private international law and conflict of laws disputes



#### DR CHRISTOPHER WARD SC

Senior Counsel and international law specialist; immediate past global President of the International Law Association; Honorary Professor of International Law, Australian National University.



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#### MADELEINE BRIDGETT

Specialist in both International and Domestic Human Rights Law including the European Convention of Human Rights, United Nations International Treaties, War Crimes, Crimes against Humanity and Genocide, Environment Law including Climate Change.



#### RICHARD REYNOLDS

Dual-qualified barrister in England and Wales and Australia with expertise in high-profile Public International Law matters. Specialist in International Environmental Law, International Criminal Law, and International Human Rights Law.



#### SANDRINE ALEXANDRE-HUGHES

Dual academic background in Common Law (Australia; UK) and Civil Law (France). Specialist in Private International Law (Conflict of Laws, Cross-border Enforcement) applied to Commercial, Family and Succession matters. Human Rights Law. Former Legal Officer at the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference. Fluent both in English and French.



#### DR CHRISTOS MANTZIARIS

Specialist in Private International Law (Conflicts of Law) and Cross-Jurisdictional Trusts & Succession Disputes.



#### PROFESSOR JAMES STELLIOS

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#### DR STEPHEN TULLY

Director of Studies, International Law Association (Australian Branch); Specialist in Transnational Corporations and Migration Law.

## Notable Cases

- R v Collary* (No 9) [2020] ACTSC 291 (National security and freedom of speech)
- Janssen & Dupont* [2021] FamCA 268 (Family Court of Australia) (forum non conveniens dispute)
- Rojas v United States of America* [2019] FCA 22 (Extradition)
- Representation of Ms Yoshe Taylor* before the Cambodian Supreme leading to her successful release from prison in Cambodia, 2019
- Agostinho and others v Portugal and 32 other states*, no 39371/20 (European Court of Human Rights - climate change)
- GZCK and Minister for Home Affairs (Migration)* [2019] AATA 656 (war crimes and crimes against humanity)
- Monette & Monette* [2019] FamCA 513 (Family Court of Australia) (forum non conveniens dispute)
- In the matter of the Status of Norfolk Island*, 2016 (sovereignty)
- Balaj and others v The United Nations Mission in Kosovo*, HRAP/04/07, Opinion of 27 February 2015 (Human Rights Advisory Panel for Kosovo - police use of force)
- In the matter of Clayton & Bant* (Advised on res judicata/stay application matters, high net worth international divorce, in the Family Court of Australia,) (2015).
- In the matter of Al Jazeera Journalist Peter Greste* (2014-2015) (freedom of speech)
- Old UGC Inc v McRann (for Old UGC Inc)* (High Court of Australia) [2006] HCA 24 (conflict of laws)
- In the matter of East Timor's Maritime Boundaries*, 2002 (maritime boundary dispute)

## Notable Publications

- Christopher Ward and Phillip Santucci. 'Has the very unruly Horse Bolted? The Increasing Use of Mandatory Provisions and Ordre Public and its Effect on the Work of the HCCH' in J.Thomas (Ed), *The Elgar Companion on the HCCH*, 2021.
- James Stellios et al. *Judicial Federalism in Australia: History, Theory, Doctrine and Practice*. The Federation Press 2021
- Christopher Ward. *Cruise Ships and the Coronavirus*. May 2020, NSW Law Society Journal.
- Stephen Tully. *Law Brief: International Law*. 2019. Thomson Reuters, 1st Edition.
- Sandrine Alexandre-Hughes. 'International parenting and child protection matters beyond the specific issue of parental child abduction: The 1996 Hague Convention on the International Protection of Children.' *Children Australia*, Special Issue 2013, Cambridge University Press.
- Christopher Ward. 'Drawing a Line in the Sand: Legal Issues Raised by the United Nations Security Council' *Australian International Law Journal* 82. 1998.

## Practice Areas

- Admiralty & Maritime Law
- Anti-Corruption Law
- Anti-Dumping Law
- Anti-Money Laundering Law
- Aviation Law
- Counter-Terrorism Financing Law
- Cross-Border Insolvency
- Death Penalty Litigation
- Diplomatic & Sovereign Immunity
- Enforcement of Foreign Judgments & Awards
- Environmental Law including Climate Change
- Foreign Bribery Law
- Hague Convention Disputes
- International and Domestic Human Rights Law
- Indigenous Rights
- International Child Abduction
- International Commercial Arbitration
- International Criminal Law
- International Environmental Law
- International Financial Regulation
- International Humanitarian Law
- International Refugee Law
- Investor-State Disputes
- Law of the Sea
- Laws of War & Armed Conflict
- Litigation Before International Tribunals
- Maritime Boundary Delimitations
- Oil, Gas and Resources Investments
- Prisoners Abroad
- Private International Law
- Public International Law
- Refugee & Migration Law
- Singapore International Commercial Court
- Trade Law incl WTO Disputes
- United Nations Communications
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