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## EXPERTISE

**Appellate | Commercial Law | Criminal Law | Environmental Law & Planning Law | Equity & Trusts Law | Government Law | Industrial Relations Law & Employment Law | Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions | Intellectual Property | Property Law | Public Law & Administrative Law**

## PROFILE

Joshua practices primarily in public and administrative law. He also maintains a commercial law practice and has appeared on behalf of the Office of Public Prosecutions.

He accepts briefs to advise and appear in merits and judicial review proceedings (including migration, privacy and statutory insurance and compensation matters) and in general and appellate criminal and civil matters, including trade practices, media and intellectual property matters.

Joshua also accepts pro bono briefs.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Joshua practised extensively in administrative law as a lawyer and solicitor-advocate at Sparke Helmore. He advised government and private sector clients in relation to social security and statutory compensation schemes, including Comcare and military compensation schemes. He appeared before the Mental Health Tribunal as part of Sparke Helmore's pro bono practice and was seconded to the

National Disability Insurance Agency.

Before Sparke Helmore, Joshua was associate to Deputy President P E Hack SC and Senior Members Regina Perton OAM and Graham Friedman at the AAT, obtaining experience in a wide variety of administrative law matters.

More recently, Joshua was a registry lawyer at the Victorian Court of Appeal, where he prepared summaries of and managed appeals to hearing, gaining valuable procedural and substantive experience in both the civil and criminal appellate jurisdictions.

He has also worked for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Queensland).

Joshua holds a Juris Doctor (Hons) and received the Dean's List Award for academic excellence while completing his Master of Laws.

Joshua read with Graeme Hill SC.

Recent cases:

*Kaur v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs* [2023] FedCFamC2G 1176

[\*Kumar v Minister Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs\* \[2023\] FedCFamC2G 1020](#)

[\*Raja v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs\* \[2023\] FedCFamC2G 934](#)

[\*DAM18 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs\* \[2023\] FedCFamC2G 942](#)

[\*Desai and National Disability Insurance Agency\* \[2023\] AATA 3004](#)

[\*Kupke and National Disability Insurance Agency\* \[2023\] AATA 2830](#)

[\*CLB18 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs\* \[2023\] FedCFamC2G 585](#)

[\*Bu \(Migration\)\* \[2023\] AATA 2354](#)

[\*Gadzikwa and Comcare \(Compensation\)\* \[2023\] AATA 951](#)

[\*DFFG and National Disability Insurance Agency\* \[2023\] AATA 264](#)

[\*EMQ17 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs\* \[2022\] FedCFamC2G 947](#)

[\*Mercado and National Australia Bank Limited \(Compensation\)\* \[2022\] AATA 2136](#)

[\*QTDM and National Disability Insurance Agency\* \[2022\] AATA 3826](#)

[\*ECA17 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs\* \[2022\] FedCFamC2G 659](#)

[\*Kaur v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs\* \[2022\] FCA 670](#)

[\*Mercado and National Australia Bank Limited \(Compensation\)\* \[2022\] AATA 2136](#)

[\*Kaur v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs\* \[2021\] FedCFamC2G 42](#)

[\*KCCD and Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs \(Migration\)\* \[2020\] AATA 5145](#)

Publications:

Jacqui Ewart; Mark Pearson; and Joshua Lessing, 'Anti-terror laws and the news media in Australia since 2001: how free expression and national security compete in a liberal democracy' (2013) 5(1) Journal of Media Law 104.

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