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After working as Associate to the Honourable Justice Graham Hill in 1996, and as a solicitor at Minter Ellison and senior associate at Freehills, Sandy Dawson came to the Bar in 2003 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2016. He is widely acknowledged as a leading Senior Counsel in defamation and media matters, whilst maintaining a varied practice that also takes in trial, appeal, and advice work in commercial cases and class actions.

He has represented all major media outlets, both in NSW and interstate courts, and appears both at first instance and on appeal. He is regularly retained by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Fairfax Media, Channel Nine, Channel Seven and Radio Station 2GB's Ray Hadley. He also represents high profile plaintiffs, including actors and members of the judiciary. He has extensive experience conducting defamation jury trials, urgent hearings for injunctions, and matters involving suppression and non-publication orders. His practice includes cases which involve questions of breach of confidence and breach of privacy.



Sandy's general commercial practice includes class actions, professional liability and administrative law matters. He is presently briefed by Maurice Blackburn as part of the counsel team in the diesel emissions class actions against Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda. He often appears for Harness Racing NSW in the Racing Appeals Tribunal and in litigated matters in the Supreme Court, for Lawcover in professional liability matters, and for parties required to appear before public enquiries conducted by the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

## Rankings

***Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific – 2018 – 2020 – Band 4 in Dispute Resolution – “one of Australia’s best-regarded senior counsel in the media and defamation law space,” “a prominent litigator of class actions.”***

***Best Lawyers 2018 & 2019 – Listed in litigation and bet-the-company litigation***

***Doyles Guide – 2016 – 2019 – Leading Technology, Media & telecommunications Senior Counsel***