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Justin has had over 35 years legal experience, as solicitor (1985 - 1988), counsel (1989 onwards), and Senior Counsel (2000 onwards). He was the founding head of Banco Chambers, Sydney (2005 - 2012). Most recently, he was the tenth Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia (2012 - 2016). He is widely acknowledged as one of Australia's most preeminent barristers.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and a prolific legal author.

He specialises in international law, international arbitration, constitutional law, and appellate law. He is available to appear as counsel, act as advisor, or sit as arbitrator or expert determiner, in both domestic and international matters.

Rankings

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide 2022 – Band 1, Dispute Resolution - "Justin continues to be identified by interviewees as being 'without doubt in the top echelons of the senior counsel ranks in Australia,' one calling him 'perhaps the best silk I've ever worked with - supremely talented on his feet and meticulous in preparation,' while another remarks: 'I've never seen a Bench that doesn't give enormous weight to everything he says.' His breadth of practice also wins him plaudits, not only for high-profile commercial work, where he is often instructed on appellate cases, but also in the spheres of insolvency, employment and international arbitration.