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Christopher was appointed Senior Counsel in 2020 after 14 years practise at the Bar in Sydney. Prior to that, he spent six years working as a commercial litigator at Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York and two years at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer in London. He has a BCL from Oxford University.

Christopher practises in a range of commercial law proceedings including trials and appeals in the Supreme and Federal Courts. His practice includes financial services litigation, trust litigation, insolvency and corporations matters, contract disputes, civil penalty and regulatory proceedings.

Christopher regularly acts for both plaintiffs and defendants, including in representative proceedings. He acted for the plaintiffs in various successful actions brought against the ratings agencies Standard & Poor's and Fitch. He is the lead counsel for Bianca Rinehart and John Hancock in the Rinehart family trust litigation in the Supreme Court of NSW and the WA Supreme Court. He regularly represents individual defendants in civil litigation relating to directors' duties and regulatory proceedings brought by ASIC. He has acted for a number of large corporations, including banks, mining and energy companies, and airlines.

Rankings

Chambers & Partners Asia Pacific Guide – Band 4 Dispute Resolution Counsel - A "fearless and



effective advocate, often seen on large, legally ambitious matters," "a strong, strategic counsel who integrates himself with the client's goals," and: "In my view, he's been running as an SC for some time and I would brief him that way."

Doyles Guide – Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Counsel

Doyles Guide – Recommended Insolvency & Restructuring Counsel

Best Lawyers – Ranked in General Litigation and for Insolvency & Reorganisation