



GRAEME JOHNSON

PARTNER

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Graeme's areas of expertise include the use and misuse of government powers and general commercial dispute resolution.

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BACKGROUND

Graeme joined Herbert Smith Freehills in 1986 and was appointed as a commercial litigation partner in 1992. He holds Bachelor of Arts and Laws degrees from the Australian National University, where he was awarded a university medal in 1983.

MARKET RECOGNITION

Graeme was named the Best Lawyers' 2017 Sydney Public Law 'Lawyer of the Year' and recognised as a leading practitioner in the categories of Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Customs and Excise and Government Practice.

KEY SERVICES

[Dispute Resolution](#)
[Administrative and Public Law](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Consumer](#)
[Energy Disputes](#)

EXPERIENCE

Graeme is a litigator with over thirty years' experience in commercial litigation at every level. He has a specialist expertise in public law.

Graeme regularly advises corporations in relation to their dealings with state and federal governments and vice versa. He advises on:

- government tendering and contracting, including limitations on the executive power and the exercise of administrative discretions
- constitutional limitations on power such as freedom of trade and commerce, compensation for acquisition of property and interference with property rights
- freedom of (government) information access requests and resisting the disclosure of commercially sensitive information
- judicial and merits review
- tax and duty disputes
- statutory interpretation