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Christine is an experienced commercial litigator, with specialist expertise in defending class actions.

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BACKGROUND

Christine holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) / Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales, as well as a Master of Laws from New York University, where she focused on complex litigation and advocacy. She is the recipient of the 2016 NYU School of Law Charles D. Klein '63 Prize (LLM) for demonstrated excellence in combining the analysis of legal issues and business issues.

MARKET RECOGNITION

Christine was recognised as a “Next Generation Partner” in the Dispute Resolution: Class Actions category in the Legal 500 Guide 2021; a “Future Star” by Benchmark’s 2021 Guide to Litigation in Asia-Pacific; a “Litigation Rising Star” 2021 by Lawyerly; and selected for inclusion in the 15th edition of The Best Lawyers in Australia (2022) in the Litigation and Class Action Litigation categories.

KEY SERVICES

[Class Actions](#)
[Product Liability](#)

KEY SECTORS

[Financial Institutions](#)
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EXPERIENCE

Christine has a strong history in defending a number of the most significant class actions filed in Australia, and is highly skilled in complex securities claims.

A combined hands-on and analytical approach has seen Christine remain one of the few practitioners with trial experience in both shareholder and product liability class actions. She regularly advises ASX100 and multinational companies across a variety of sectors in managing class action risks.

Clients have commented on her “collaborative approach to practice with our in-house legal team” and her “responsive[ness] to the needs of her client organisations.” She is “always a pleasure to work with” and “engages effectively with all stakeholders.”

Christine is an emerging thought leader in the class actions space, regularly commenting on issues arising in the defence of class action claims, litigation costs and third party litigation funding. She spearheaded the firm’s podcast series to connect with clients during the pandemic.

Her experience includes:

- **Worley:** defending Worley in the first successful defence of a shareholder class action in Australia, where the Federal Court dismissed the claims against Worley in relation to alleged disclosure failures arising from its Worley’s FY14 earnings guidance (this matter is currently under appeal to the High Court)
- **Toyota Motor Corporation Australia:** defending Toyota in a product liability class action arising from allegedly defective Takata airbag inflators
- **National Australia Bank:** defending NAB in a shareholder class action in respect of its exposure to collateralised debt obligations
- **Johnson & Johnson:** defending Johnson & Johnson and Depuy in one of Australia’s largest product liability class action in respect of hip replacement prostheses, culminating in a 19 week trial in the Federal Court of Australia
- **Commonwealth Bank of Australia:** defending CBA in two shareholder class actions in connection with civil penalty proceedings brought by AUSTRAC
- **Boral:** defending Boral in two shareholder class actions in respect of disclosures regarding Boral’s North American business
- **BHP:** defending BHP Limited in a shareholder class action arising from the Samarco dam failure

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