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Catherine practises primarily in federal tax and state tax litigation. She also practices in commercial and professional indemnity insurance litigation in the Federal Court and Victorian Supreme Court.

Recent federal tax cases in which Catherine has appeared include:

- *Federal Commissioner of Taxation v Thomas* (2018) 264 CLR 382 (led by Justin Gleeson SC and Philip Looney QC)
- *Commissioner of Taxation v Racing Queensland Board Federal* [2019] FCAFC 224 and *Commissioner of Taxation v Scone Race Club Ltd* [2019] FCAFC 225 (led by Philip Looney QC)
- *Federal Commissioner of Taxation v ACN 194 520 199 Pty Ltd* [2019] AATA 5981 (led by Greg Davies QC and Eugene Wheelahan QC)
- *Commissioner of Taxation v Glencore Investment Pty Limited* [2019] FCA 1432 (led by Kristina Stern SC)
- *Commissioner of Taxation v Coles Supermarkets Australia Pty Ltd* [2019] FCA 1582 (led by Stephen Sharpley QC)
- *Orica Ltd v Federal Commissioner of Taxation* [2015] FCA 1399 (led by Simon Steward QC)

Significant federal tax and public law matters in which Catherine is involved include:

- advising the Australian Federal Police in relation to the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants;
- advising Australian mining industry concerns in relation to their entitlements under R&D tax incentive legislation; and
- advising a multinational oil and gas concerns in relation to the application of transfer pricing provisions.

Significant commercial litigation in which Catherine has appeared include:

- *Slea Pty Ltd v Connective Group* litigation (reserved)
- *Australia Wales Financial Management Pty Ltd v Flash Lighting Company Limited* [2018] VSC 711
- *ASIC v Wooldridge* [2019] FCAFC 172 (led by Anthony Strahan QC)

Recent state tax cases in which Catherine has appeared include:

- *Commissioner of State Revenue ats Kelima Pty Ltd* [2019] VCAT 404
- *Commissioner of State Revenue ats Nationwide Towing Services Pty Ltd* [2018] VSC 262 (led by Chris Horan QC)

Prior to joining the Bar in 2012, Catherine was employed as a solicitor in Hong Kong; advising in respect of international financial instruments.