

# JOHN CHARLES SHEAHAN QC

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Professional Career

Mr Sheahan was admitted as a barrister in 1984, and he took silk in 1997. His practice encompasses the broad range of civil disputes. He has argued constitutional cases in the High Court (*HA Bachrach Pty Ltd v State of Queensland* [1998] HCA 54; 195 CLR 547; *Phonographic Performance Company of Australia Limited v Commonwealth of Australia* (2012) 286 ALR 61, [2012] HCA 8; *Sportsbet Pty Ltd v New South Wales* (2012) 249 CLR 298); acted as senior counsel assisting in a major public inquiry (the Commission of Inquiry into The Medical Research & Compensation Foundation (“*the James Hardie Inquiry*”)); and conducted complex litigation involving competition law (*Seven Network Limited v News Limited* [2007] FCA 1062), corporate law (*ASIC v Storm Financial Ltd* (2012) 91 ACSR 122; *Emanuel Management Pty Ltd v Foster’s Brewing Group Ltd* (2003) 178 FLR 1) and banking and finance (*Leveraged Equities Ltd v Goodridge* [2011] FCAFC 3, 191 FCR 71; *Wingecarribee Shire Council v Lehman Bros Aust Pty Ltd* [2012] FCA 1028).

He also acts as mediator and arbitrator.

In 2014 he was appointed as member of the Takeovers Panel.

### Memberships and appointments

Mr Sheahan’s recent positions include:

*Law Council of Australia* – Member, Federal Court Liaison Committee

*Public Interest Law Clearing House (NSW)* – Board member (2001-2007) and President (2005-2007)

*Law and Justice Foundation* – Member of the Board of Governors (current)

Mr Sheahan is an Associate Member of 3/4 South Square, Grays Inn, London

He is also a member of a number of professional associations, including Banking and Financial Services Law Association, Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association, the American Bar Association and the Selden Society.

Mr Sheahan is an editor and one of the authors of the Law Council of Australia's "Federal Court of Australia Case Management Handbook" <http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/FEDLIT/index.php/case-management-handbook>

### **Peer Assessment**

Best Lawyers – named in the Banking and Finance and “Bet the Company” litigation sections; and as 2014 Sydney “Bet the Company” litigation “Lawyer of the Year”.

Chambers Global – named in “Band 1” for Australian Silks.

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