



Media

The Macpherson Kelley media team understands that the media landscape has changed significantly in recent years with increased financial challenges, the advent of social media and a number of legal reforms.

Our team of renowned media lawyers are commercial litigators who act in many high profile media matters in all Courts in Australia. They have extensive experience in matters involving defamation, breaches of confidence, contempt of court, suppression orders, freedom of information, copyright, journalist sources, and a vast range of other media related matters. They are consistently rated for quality in the highest band possible by Chambers and Partners.

Priding ourselves on responsive, immediate and reliable advice, our team is available 24/7 for urgent prepublication queries and that availability is called on by clients every day of the week. Our team recognises that giving robust, customised advice is critical.

With one of the only national media practices, our major clients include the Herald Sun, The Australian, The Courier-Mail, Channel Nine, Channel Seven, Macquarie Media Limited, AFL Media, Leader Community Newspapers, and Southern Cross Austereo.

Recent experience

Tabbaa v Nine Network
Successfully defended the Nine Network (60 Minutes program) in a long running defamation proceeding before a jury, ending in December 2017.

Nationwide News (The Australian)
Acted for the Australian in a recent defamation case where the Victorian Justice Jack Forrest found in favour of Nationwide News over an article about Atkinson Prakash Charan and training organisation Australian Careers Network. This case that was decided in January 2018 was Australia's longest running defamation trial.

The Herald Sun, The Australian, Channels Nine, Seven and Ten, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Fairfax Radio – Pre-publication advice
Successfully sought permission to report matters relating to Adrian Bayley and obtained Court documents and video to assist in that reporting.

5 leading media organisations – Application for access
Acted in relation to an application for access to documents authorising the granting of the first preventative detention order in Victoria.

High profile media individuals (including Neil Mitchell, Susie O'Brien and Hedley Thomas) – Pre-publication advice
Acted in relation to providing regular prepublication advice.

The Herald and Weekly Times Pty Ltd and Andrew Bolt – Litigation
In relation to Eatock v Bolt 2011 FCA 1103.

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