

Philip Crutchfield KC

B.Comm., LL.B (Hons), LL.M, LSE

Admitted to the Legal Profession: 11
Jun 1988

Signed Victorian Bar Roll: 19
Nov 1998

Appointed Silk:
24 Nov 2009

Age: 62

Philip holds Commerce and Honours Law Degrees from the University of Melbourne (graduating in 1986) and a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science (1991).

He did articles at Mallesons Stephen Jaques in 1987, and was admitted to the Mallesons Stephen Jaques partnership on 1 January 1996.

He signed the Victorian Bar Roll in November 1998 and took silk in 2009. He is regularly ranked as one of the leading commercial silks in Australia.

Philip is a former Senior Fellow in the Law Faculty of the University of Melbourne, an occasional lecturer in the Law Faculty, a member of the University of Melbourne Law School Foundation Board, a member of the University of Melbourne Humanities Foundation Board, a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, a board member of the Victorian Bar Foundation and a former President of the Commercial Bar Association of Victoria.

He was a reporter for the Commonwealth Law Reports and the author of a textbook, Corporate Voluntary Administration Law, now known as Crutchfield's Voluntary Administration.

Outside of the law, Philip is a public company director, the Chair of the Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company, the Chair of Healing and Hope Limited (a Foundation for survivors of sexual abuse) and from 1 January 2026, the Chair of Heide Museum of Modern Art.

Areas of Practice:

- Commercial
- Banking
- Bankruptcy
- Competition
- Corporate Insolvency
- Corporations Law
- Securities and Investments
- Public/Administrative

- Constitutional Law
- Judicial Review and administrative law
- Dispute Resolution

Affiliations past and present:

President Commercial Bar Association of Victoria

Fellow of the Australia Academy of Law

Senior Fellow in the Faculty of Law The University of Melbourne

Director: The Victorian Bar Foundation

Board Member: University of Melbourne Faculty of Law JD Advisory Board

Board Member and Chair: The Bell Shakespeare Company

Supreme Court: Corporations & Commercial Court Users' Group

Law Council of Australia: Corporations and Insolvency Law Committees (former Chair of the latter)