



Competition and consumer law

Cooper Grace Ward provides specialist advice and advocacy in all matters relating to competition and consumer law.

Our experienced team has acted on behalf of a wide range of clients in this area of the law, including multinational businesses, publicly listed companies and private companies.

We understand the need for clear and straightforward advice to navigate Australia's complex competition and consumer regime and comply with its regulations.

We have acted for two clients in cartel investigations and proceedings by the ACCC, each matter taking at least four years.

We have assisted clients in resolving matters on an administrative basis, through enforceable undertakings, as well as through responding to court proceedings against them.

It is critical that you ensure your organisation's compliance systems enable you to operate effectively and legally within a competitive marketplace. Our team helps clients structure systems to ensure regulation compliance without hindering profitability. Establishing those systems includes training all relevant team members in an understanding of their respective responsibilities under competition and consumer law.

Our key services

Our major services in this area include:

- assisting with the development of competition and consumer law compliance systems
- general corporate advisory services in competition and consumer law issues, such as cartels, misuse of market power, third line forcing and misleading or deceptive conduct
- advising on competition implications of proposed projects, takeovers and media campaigns
- providing representation to our clients in their dealings with the ACCC and ASIC to have matters resolved in the best way possible in the prevailing circumstances
- bringing and defending court proceedings relating to anti-competitive trade practices and breaches of consumer law among businesses and between businesses and consumers.

Compliance systems and training

Cooper Grace Ward offers customised legal training, programs and systems, designed to protect organisations, their boards and their management teams.

Those who have experienced an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading or the ACCC know how time consuming, disruptive, expensive and stressful it can be.

The management of such risks faced by your organisation is best achieved through a culture of compliance and by ensuring that all of your employees

who could place the organisation at risk understand the way that competition and consumer law works.

Knowing how the law works, of course, is only the beginning. You need to continuously monitor change in the law and in your organisation. Regular reviews of compliance policies and procedures and having adequate reporting and monitoring systems, provides everyone with protection through accountability.

Our training programs comply with AS3806 and are tailored to your industry and the issues your employees face.

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'Cooper Grace Ward has provided our senior management team with training and support in Australian competition and consumer law, dealing with the specific issues that arise in our industry. The training has had a significant and positive impact for our team who are now alert to the issues and can address them accordingly. I would have no hesitation in recommending Cooper Grace Ward to any other organisation grappling with competition issues and attempting to create a strong culture of legal compliance.'

Managing Director – Dometic AU&NZ

About Cooper Grace Ward

With over 20 partners and 200 team members, Cooper Grace Ward is a leading Australian law firm based in Brisbane, servicing clients with a local, national and international presence. As a full service firm, we are known for providing commercial and practical advice, outstanding service and excellence in all practice areas.

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