

F.L.A. Partners - Australian Lawyers

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Who Are We?

F.L.A. Partners is a law firm based in the city of Melbourne, Australia. F.L.A. Partners practise as both Barristers and Attorneys, and have been practising in Melbourne continuously for the last 40 years.

The firm conducts all forms of civil and criminal litigation, including jury trials, Common Law, Family Law, Commercial Law and general legal requirements - such as Companies, Trusts, Wills and Grants of Probate.

F.L.A. Partners is also fairly unique as one of the few law firms in Australia practising in Military Law privately.

The firm also conducts corporate and criminal work for interstate and overseas clients, and agency work for other law firms - both interstate and overseas.

F.L.A. Partners handle Federal Court and Supreme Court cases, commercial disputes and all kinds of debt recovery actions.

The firm is qualified to practice law in the States of Western Australia as well as Victoria, and in the High Court of Australia as well as all Federal Courts - including the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrates Court.

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Where Are We?

F.L.A. Partners is centrally located in Melbourne within minutes' walk of:

- Federal Court
- Supreme Court
- Family Court
- County Court
- Magistrates Court.

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Legal Services

F.L.A. Partners is experienced in handling all forms of civil and criminal litigation, including Common Law, Family Law, Commercial Law and general legal requirements - such as Companies, Trusts, Wills, Grants of Probate, Leases and Conveyancing.

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F.L.A. Partners handle Federal Court and Supreme Court cases, commercial disputes and all kinds of debt recovery actions.

Examples of some cases of interest in recent years include:

- F.L.A. Partners represented the majority of claimants in their successful law action brought against United Airlines. This arose out of the Australia-bound flight out of Hawaii where a cargo door ripped away from the fuselage.
- F.L.A. Partners have represented claimants against the Public Transport Corporation arising from the derailment of the West Coast Express at Werribee, Victoria.
- F.L.A. Partners defended one of the Accused on major counterfeit charges relating to American Express traveller's cheques. This type of criminal case is an example of "white collar" crime that the firm prefers to handle, particularly its Principal and Founder, Peter Finkelstein.

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Principal

As the senior practitioner and founder of F.L.A. Partners, with 40 years'

experience behind him, Peter Finkelstein has from inception led the firm through significant changes over the years. The most striking has been the readiness of the firm, mainly through him, to handle their own Court appearances. In particular, Peter Finkelstein appears as Counsel in all Courts and jurisdictions; including civil and criminal jury trials.

This means that the firm is quite unique in being able to offer "one stop shopping" for all legal work required in any case. By dealing with the same lawyer who sees you at the first interview, right through the final verdict (or Judgment), there is continuity for the client. Unlike other law firms, F.L.A. Partners therefore do not need to "brief out" the case to a member of the Bar, or some other lawyer. This is so unusual that there are only about ten or so law firms in Melbourne apart from F.L.A. Partners, that are able to offer this service.

Peter Finkelstein is qualified to appear as Counsel in the States of Western Australia as well as Victoria, and in the High Court of Australia as well as all Federal Courts - including the Family Court of Australia and the Federal Magistrate's Court.

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Senior Appointments

F.L.A. Partners represent several large Corporations and Associations. Some of the appointments held by the Principal, Peter Finkelstein, personally include:

- Appointment by the Governor-General of Australia as Deputy Chairman of the *Royal Australian Air Force Veterans' Residences Trust*, operating under a Federal Act of Parliament of the same name.
- Member of the Board of the *Royal Australian Air Force Association (Victoria Division)* and as the Association's Honorary Legal Officer.
- Former member of the *Air Force Reserve Melbourne Legal Panel* with rank of Squadron Leader; with the Reserve Forces Decoration (R.F.D.) and three bars in recognition of senior service to the Reserve, now practising military law privately.

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