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Vance Hughston SC was called to the NSW Bar in 1982 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2001. His areas of practice include appellate, commercial, equity, native title, property and public law. Mr Hughston has practised extensively as a trial lawyer in native title, common law and commercial matters. He has a considerable appellate practice and has argued numerous cases before the High Court, the Full Federal Court, the NSW Court of Appeal and the Full Court of the Supreme Court of South Australia. In more recent years, most of Mr Hughston’s trial and appellate work has been in native title, Aboriginal land rights and related areas, including heritage protection. He has a national practice and has both advised and appeared for First Nation Peoples, the Commonwealth, State Governments and the private sector, in most States and Territories. Mr Hughston has argued the following native title cases as Senior Counsel before the High Court: *Members of the Yorta Yorta Aboriginal Community v Victoria* (2002) 214 CLR 422; *Karpany v Dietman* [2013] HCA 47; *Wilson v Anderson* (2002) 213 CLR 401. He has been led in other cases in the High Court that have involved the interpretation and the application of the *Native Title Act, 1993* (Cth) and the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act, 1976* (Cth). In the *Yorta Yorta* case, Mr Hughston successfully appeared at the trial (which went for more than 100 days) and on the successive appeals to the Full Federal Court and the High Court. Other native title cases in which Mr Hughston has appeared at both the trial and on the subsequent appeals include: *Stuart v South Australia* [2023] FCAFC 131; *Fortescue Metals Group v Warrie on behalf of the Yindjibarndi People* (2019) 273 FCR 350; 374 ALR 448; [2019] FCAFC 177 (leave to appeal to the High Court refused); *Starkey on behalf of the Kokatha People v South Australia* (2018) 261 FCR 183; (leave to appeal to the High Court refused); *Banjima People v Western Australia* (2015) 231 FCR 456; (leave to appeal to the High Court refused); *Bodney v Bennell* (2008) 167 FCR 84; *CG (Deceased)on behalf of the Badimia People v Western Australia (No.2*) (2016) FCAFC 67; *Gumana v Northern Territory* (2005) 141 FCR 471; *Northern Territory v Arnhem Land Aboriginal Land Trust* [2008] HCA 29; *Jango v Northern Territory* (2007) 159 FCR 531; *Risk v Northern Territory* (2007) 240 ALR 75; *Straits Exploration (Australia) Pty Ltd v Kokatha Uwankara Native Title Claimants* [2012] SASCFC 121; *Western Australia v Graham on behalf of the Ngadju People* (2013) 305 ALR 452; *Western Australia v Graham on behalf of the Ngadju People* (2016) FCAFC 47; and *Wyman v Queensland* (2015) 235 FCR 464. Mr Hughston has appeared in many other Full Court appeals too numerous to list. He was a member of the Australian Law Reform Committee’s Native Title Inquiry Advisory Committee in 2014 / 2015.. The 2023 Chambers Asia-Pacific Guide continues to accord him its highest ranking (Band 1) amongst Australia’s native title Silks. The 2022 Doyle’s Guide continues to rank Mr Hughston as the Market Leader amongst Australia’s native title barristers. Mr Hughston is a contributor to Perry and Lloyd’s *Australian Native Title Law* (2nd Ed.).