BENJAMIN CAMPBELL

BARRISTER AT LAW

YEAR OF ADMISSION: 2019 YEAR OF CALL: 2025

Benjamin practises in all areas of commercial and insurance law in the State and Federal Courts. He has advised and acted on behalf of public and private corporations, State and Federal Government agencies, group members in class actions, and individuals.

He has experience in class actions, funded litigation, commercial, corporate and contractual disputes, construction, insolvency, disciplinary, judicial review, and a particular interest and expertise in insurance.

Benjamin has acted in high-profile disputes on behalf of class action plaintiffs, public and private companies, sporting regulators, and, following the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse*, in some of Queensland's most sensitive and reputationally significant insurance matters on behalf of religious, private educational, and Commonwealth and State Government institutions and their insurers.

He previously practised as an associate at MinterEllison in the General Insurance team within Disputes, Competition and Insurance, and as a solicitor in Funded Litigation and Class Actions at Piper Alderman.

Prior to practising as a solicitor, Benjamin also worked as a Judge's Associate to the former Chief Magistrate of Queensland, Judge Rinaudo AM, to Judge Andrews SC of the District Court of Queensland, and to the Hon Justice Greenwood of the Federal Court of Australia.

Benjamin is bilingual and speaks fluent French, having obtained his formal C2 qualifications in Lorient in 2015.





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Career

2025 -	Called to the Bar
2022 - 2024	Associate, MinterEllison: Disputes, Competition and Insurance
2021 – 2022	Lawyer, Piper Alderman: Dispute Resolution and Litigation (Funded Litigation and Class Actions)
2020	Associate to the Hon Justice A P Greenwood, Federal Court of Australia

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2018 - 2019	Associate to his Honour Judge Andrews SC and his Honour Judge Rinaudo
	AM, District Court of Queensland

2012 – 2017 Law Clerk, Bray Lawyers, Brisbane: Insurance Claims and Litigation

Education and Qualifications

2024 –	Master of Laws Student, Australian National University
2019	Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, Australian National University
2019	Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Queensland UQ Merit Scholarship
2015	DALF C2 (bilingual mastery of French), Centre International d'Etudes Pédagogiques (French Government), Lorient, France C2 is the highest level of language proficiency officially recognized under the
	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL)
2011	QCE, ATAR 99.90, Brisbane Grammar School
	Lilley Silver Medal, Australian Student Prize, Queensland Debating Team

Select matters and experience

CLASS ACTIONS

- acted in the Supreme Court of Queensland for shareholders in ASX listed fund management company alleging breaches of continuous disclosure obligations and misleading and deceptive conduct by representations made as to the value of assets under management
- acted in the Supreme Court of Queensland for lead applicant challenging privilege asserted over documents produced under *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) s 247A to investigate prospective class action: *Furniss v Blue Sky Alternative Investments Limited (No 3)* (2021) 7 QR 426; [2021] QSC 230
- acted in the Federal Court of Australia for electricity consumers alleging misuse of market power by two government owned corporations causing the inflation of electricity prices
- acted for group members in representative proceedings where defendants challenged funding agreement on basis it constituted an unregistered managed investment scheme: *Stanwell Corporation Limited v LCM Funding Pty Ltd* [2021] FCA 1430; *LCM Funding Pty Ltd v Stanwell Corporation Limited* [2022] FCAFC 103
- acted in the Federal Court of Australia for shareholders in ASX listed company alleging breaches of continuous disclosure obligations and misleading and deceptive conduct for representations made as to the safety of Dreamworld prior to a high-profile fatal accident

COMMERCIAL AND CONSTRUCTION

• acting as junior counsel in a large team in Supreme Court proceedings relating to alleged environmental contamination from PFAS chemicals in fire-fighting foam at Brisbane airport

- acted as solicitor in several large proceedings in state Supreme Courts where insurers of a head contractor sought to recover the cost of rectification works from engineers, certifiers, architects and other parties responsible for the design, approval and construction of buildings with combustible cladding
- acted in the Supreme Court of Queensland on behalf of villa owners seeking rectification or damages from builder and insurer for defective reinstatement works after a cyclone

DISCIPLINARY

- advised racing body on several high-profile disciplinary prosecutions of corruption, drug and other offences by owners and trainers
- instructed King's Counsel in the Court of Appeal on behalf of a sporting disciplinary body appealing a finding of procedural unfairness: *Queensland Racing Integrity Commission v Endresz* [2024] QCA 76
- instructed counsel in the Racing Appeals Panel on behalf of the respondent to an appeal against a finding of corruption: RAP-36, *Matthew Evans*, Greyhound 28 August 2023

INSOLVENCY

- appeared in the Supreme Court of Queensland for an applicant seeking the winding up of a company on the just and equitable ground
- instructed counsel in the Supreme Court of Queensland on behalf of a liquidator opposing an application to transfer the proceedings interstate under cross-vesting legislation: *Strata Voting Pty Ltd (in liq) v Axios IT Pty Ltd & Anor* [2022] QSC 32
- acted in the Supreme Court of South Australia for a liquidator in complex funded litigation claiming breach of an express term of good faith and equitable fraud against a developer which allegedly sold software at an undervalued price to a company, which the developer had caused to be incorporated, to minimise the proceeds of sale payable to the plaintiff

INSURANCE

- advised large public and private clients on technical questions arising under the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth) and questions of indemnity
- acted as solicitor and junior counsel for public and private clients, insurers and institutions in insurance claims, including highly sensitive matters arising out of the removal of the limitation period following the 2017 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, where damages sought for psychiatric injury caused by sexual or serious physical abuse as a child
- advised law firm regarding excess insurer's refusal to indemnify in high quantum claim
- acted for plaintiffs and defendants in professional negligence claims against solicitors, medical practitioners, engineers, accountants and financial services professionals

Publications

Bampton, D.M., Campbell, B.W. (North Quarter Lane Chambers), '*Opt In' or be Locked Out?: HCA and Class Actions in Lendlease v Pallas*, Bar Association of Queensland: Hearsay, Issue 100: June 2025, available online: <u>https://hearsay.org.au/opt-in-or-be-locked-out/</u>