

## BENJAMIN CAMPBELL

BARRISTER AT LAW

YEAR OF ADMISSION: 2019

YEAR OF CALL: 2025

Benjamin accepts briefs in all areas of law in the State and Federal Courts, with a focus on commercial and insurance matters. He has advised and acted on behalf of public and private corporations, State and Federal Government agencies, group members, and individuals.

He has experience in class actions, funded litigation, general corporate and commercial disputes, building and construction, bankruptcy and insolvency, disciplinary, public law and judicial review, intellectual property, planning and environment, and a particular interest and expertise in insurance claims and litigation.

Benjamin has acted in high profile disputes on behalf of group members, 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.

Before going to the bar, Benjamin practised as an Associate at MinterEllison in the general insurance team, and as a solicitor in funded litigation and class actions.

He also worked as a Judge's Associate to the former Chief Magistrate of Queensland, to a judge of the District and Planning and Environment Courts of Queensland, and to a justice of the Federal Court of Australia.

Benjamin is bilingual and speaks fluent French, having obtained his formal C2 qualifications in France in 2015, and accepts briefs where that level of fluency is required.

### Career

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| <b>2025 -</b>      | Barrister, North Quarter Lane Chambers  |
| <b>2022 – 2024</b> | Associate, MinterEllison: Disputes, Competition and Insurance                                   |
| <b>2021 – 2022</b> | Lawyer, Piper Alderman: Dispute Resolution and Litigation (Funded Litigation and Class Actions) |

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- 2020** Associate to the Hon Justice A P Greenwood, Federal Court of Australia
- 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**

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- 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**

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### **BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY**

- appeared as counsel for a debtor opposing a creditor's petition in the Federal Circuit Court
- 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

### **BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**

- 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

## 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

## 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

## INSURANCE

- advised large public and private clients on technical questions arising under the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth) and questions of indemnity
- acted as counsel for claimants against WorkCover Queensland in personal injury matters arising from injuries allegedly sustained in the course of their employment
- acted as solicitor and junior counsel for public and private clients, insurers and institutions in sensitive insurance claims arising out of the removal of the limitation period following the *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

## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

- 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 junior counsel for a property developer alleged to have contravened an enforcement notice for development works conducted without the requisite approvals

### Publications

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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: <https://hearsay.org.au/opt-in-or-be-locked-out/>