

Examples of matters in which Edmund Robinson has appeared since being called to the Bar in May 2017

Corporations and insolvency

1. *Destination Brisbane Consortium Integrated Resort Operations Pty Ltd as Trustee v PCA (Qld) Pty Ltd (subject to a Deed of Company Arrangement)* [2024] QSC 178 per Hindman J (led by Philip O’Higgins KC)

Acted for DBC (the developer of the Queen’s Wharf casino development) in application to amend a DOCA which extinguished the claims of insured creditors including DBC

2. *Hutson & Ors v New Hope Corporation Limited & Ors* [2023] NSWSC (led by Liam Kelly KC; led earlier in the proceeding by Adam Pomerence KC)

8 week trial before Hammerschlag CJ in Eq – settled after 2 weeks

Acted for the former CEO and the former CFO of the New Hope Group in defending a \$300 million (approx.) claims for alleged breaches of the general law duty of care and diligence, the duties imposed by sections 180-182 of the *Corporations Act*, and fiduciary duties, and claims for alleged insolvent trading of two subsidiaries of New Hope

3. *The Presbyterian Church of Queensland Incorporated by Letters Patent v Attorney-General for State of Queensland* – Acted for the receivers and managers of The Presbyterian Church of Queensland Incorporated in successful applications for directions

(a) [2021] QSC (ex tempore, Freeburn J) (with Stewart Webster, both led by Adam Pomerence KC); and

(b) [2022] QSC 38 per Brown J (unled; Amelia Wheatley KC and Ben McEniery appearing for the Attorney-General; Paul McQuade KC appearing for the Presbyterian Church).

4. *Parbery v QNI Metals Pty Ltd* [2020] QSC 143; [2020] 24 QLR per Mullins J (as her Honour then was) (unled; contra Shane Doyle KC, Graham Gibson KC and others)

5 week trial concerning the collapse of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liq)

5. *In the matter of G-Star Australia Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court proceeding no. 5415/20) before Flanagan J

Acted for the administrators of G-Star Australia Pty Ltd (the Australian arm of Dutch clothing brand “G-Star Raw”) in a successful application to extend the time for convening the second meeting of creditors to allow the administrators sufficient time to sell stock, close physical stores, and vacate leased premises

Building and construction law

6. *Santos Limited v Fluor Australia Pty Ltd & Anor* (Supreme Court of Queensland proceeding no. 12939/16)

Acting since 2021 for the Fluor defendants in defending Santos Limited’s \$1.5 billion (approx.) claim in respect of engineering and construction work in an upstream LNG facility. Included:

- (a) Appearing in trial conducted between November 2021 and August 2022 before a panel of referees (in team led by Simon Couper KC, Liam Kelly KC and Dominic O’Sullivan KC).
- (b) *Santos Limited v Fluor Australia Pty Ltd* [2025] QSC 184 per Freeburn J. Nine week hearing regarding *inter alia* whether the referees’ report should be adopted or rejected by the Cour. Currently acting in appeal.

7. *Destination Brisbane Consortium v Multiplex* – Supreme Court proceeding no. 9023/23

Acted in 2023 for DBC in defending Multiplex’s \$500m (approx.) claim regarding construction of the Queen’s Wharf Integrated Resort (critical path delay, acceleration, extension of time claims etc). Settled.

8. *JLOC Super Pty Ltd v Nev Paterson & Son Pty Ltd & Anor* [2023] QSC 270; [2023] 49 QLR per Freeburn J (appearing for the first defendant; Simon Couper KC and Fiona Lubett appearing for the plaintiff; David de Jersey KC appearing for the second defendant)

Strike out application (principles relevant to a pure economic loss claim brought by a subsequent owner of trust property where the subsequent owner was a new trustee of a trust)

Property and equity

9. *Cairns Airport Pty Ltd v Ampol Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd & Ors* – Supreme Court of Queensland proceeding no. 2474 of 2024 (with Samuel Walpole, both led by Adrian Duffy KC)

Acting for BP, Ampol and Viva Energy in dispute as to ownership of a Joint User Hydrant Installation (used for storage and supply of jet fuel) at the Cairns Airport, and related dispute as to alleged unpaid licence fees

10. Acting in *Chen & Ors v Bespoke Rochedale Pty Ltd* (Supreme Court proceeding no. BS10005/24) (2024 - 2025) (led by Simon Couper KC)

Claim by 22 buyers of off the plan houses for specific performance of sale contracts; counterclaim seeking permission to terminate the contracts under the newly introduced s 19F of the *Land Sales Act 1984* (Qld) on the basis that the sunset dates had passed

11. *Lainor Investments Pty Ltd v SunBuster Solar Shades Pty Ltd* [2020] QDC 59 per Sheridan DCJ (unled; contra Brad Wright)

Trial; whether a commercial lease was validly terminated and, if so, whether the tenant should be granted relief against forfeiture

12. *CFMMEU v One Key Workforce Pty Ltd* [2020] FCAFC 27 per McKerracher, Farrell and Markovic JJ (Full Federal Court, Sydney) (led by Brian O'Donnell KC; contra Bret Walker SC and Claire Howell)

And at first instance: [2019] FCA 153 per Flick J (unled; contra Claire Howell)

Successfully contended at first instance and on appeal that \$1 million held on trust should be paid to One Key Workforce

13. *Waratah Coal Pty Ltd v Port of Townsville Limited & Ors* – Supreme Court of Queensland proceeding no. 8563/18

Acted unled in 2018 in claim by chargee of leases and licences to relief against forfeiture of the leases and licences at the Port of Townsville

Public law

14. *ASIC v Daly (Penalty Hearing)* [2024] FCA 3 per Cheeseman J (with Lee Clark, both led by Matthew Brady KC)

And: *ASIC v Daly (Liability Hearing)* [2023] FCA 290 per Cheeseman J (with Lee Clark, both led by Melanie Hindman QC as her Honour then was)

Acted for ASIC in liability and penalty phases of successful civil penalty proceeding against officers of the responsible entity of a managed investment scheme

15. *McDonald & Ors v State of Queensland* – Supreme Court of Queensland proceeding no. 13378/20 (led by Peter Dunning KC) (2020 – 2021)

Challenge to the validity of notices issued under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (Qld) (settled)

16. *Smeltz v Electoral Commission of Queensland* [2020] QSC (ex tempore, Brown J) (leading Paddy Williams)

Whether on the proper construction of provisions of the *Electoral Act 1992* (Qld) the cap on electoral expenditure is inclusive or exclusive of GST

17. Acted for the Board of Racing Queensland in QCAT proceedings successfully resisting a challenge to its decision not to renew the Cairns Greyhound Racing Club's licence (2020)

18. *S A M Management (NQ) Pty Ltd v Director General of the Department of Education* [2020] QCAT (unled; contra Stephen Keim SC)

Successfully applied for a stay of the Director General's decision to cancel a service approval in respect of a childcare centre

19. *BA v Director-General, Department of Justice and Attorney General* [2019] QCAT (pro bono) (unled; contra R Te’Kani)

Successful review of departmental decision

20. *Training Management Pty Ltd v The State of Queensland* (Supreme Court of Queensland proceeding no. 1357181/18)

Acted for the State (through the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training) in defending a proceeding challenging its decision to suspend funding to a provider of vocational education and training and suspend its ability to enrol new students. Appeared in interlocutory injunction application against Matthew Brady KC before Bond J. Proceeding settled

Professional negligence

21. Acting for plaintiffs in Supreme Court of Queensland proceeding regarding alleged professional negligence by firm of solicitors and counsel (approx. \$21 million claim) and alleged breaches of duty by company directors (2023 -)
22. Acted unled in \$500,000 claim against firm of solicitors for professional negligence in the drafting of a loan deed (2021). Settled.
23. *Quigg Holdings Pty Ltd & Anor v Puzzle Financial Advice Pty Ltd & Anor* – Supreme Court proceeding (led by Damien O’Brien KC) (2020)

Acted for the plaintiffs in a proceeding against a financial advisor for negligence, breach of contract, and breach of duties under the *Corporations Act* and *ASIC Act*. Settled.

General commercial / contract

24. *Madan v Mineralogy Pty Ltd* [2022] WASC 33 – successful strike-out application

Implied contractual terms; money had and received; equitable fraud; pre-incorporation contracts

25. *In the Matter of E-Computing Pty Ltd and Tech-E Pty Ltd* (no. 4329/20) and *E-Computing Pty Ltd v Meyer* (no. 6005/20) (2019 – 2022) (unled)

Acted in two related Supreme Court proceedings – a members’ derivative proceeding seeking recovery of approximately \$1.7 million in funds allegedly misappropriated from the companies, and an oppression proceeding seeking *inter alia* an order requiring one set of 50% shareholders to sell their shares to the other set of shareholders. Included acting in an application for leave to commence derivative proceedings, an application for relief from pleading and disclosure obligations based on the privilege against self-incrimination, and strike-out applications.

26. Acted unled in a Supreme Court of Western Australia proceeding for a plaintiff seeking to recover approximately AU\$1 million in exchange rate fluctuation damages resulting from a late payment of a sum owed in US dollars (2021 – 2022)

27. *Hamilton Tyre & Rubber Company Pty Ltd v BR International Logistics Pty Ltd* [2020] QDC before Porter KC DCJ (unled; contra William Wilcher)

Trial (settled after close of trial but before judgment); restitutionary claim for moneys paid under duress

28. *Gailey Projects Pty Ltd v McCartney & Anor* [2017] QSC before Daubney J (led by Damien O’Brien KC; contra Ron Ashton KC)

Trial (settled after commencement); whether consultancy contract had been formed by words and conduct; alternative quantum meruit claim for services provided

29. Acted in 2017 as junior counsel in three long-running Supreme Court proceedings between Anglo American Australia Limited (and related companies) and the Callide C power station concerning a long-term coal supply agreement. Ultimately settled.

Criminal

30. *Coeur de Lion Investments Pty Ltd v Lewis* (2020) 4 QR 455; [2020] QCA 111 per Philippides JA, Bond J and Bowskill J (led by Chris Ward SC; contra Gavin Handran and Nathan Boyd)
And below: [2019] QDC 90 per Smith DCJA

Whether private prosecutions may be brought for offences under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)

31. *Palmer v Magistrates Court* (2020) 3 QR 546; [2020] QCA 47

And below: [2019] QSC 8

Application to permanently stay criminal proceeding as abuse of process

32. *Thornbury v The Queen* [2020] HCASL 10 (with Anthony Kimmins and Martin Longhurst)

Application for special leave in respect of criminal sentencing (on the papers)

Practice and procedure

33. *Adani Mining Pty Ltd v Pennings* [2025] QSC 264 (led by Dominic O’Sullivan KC)

Privilege against self-incrimination; application for defendant to answer questions on oath or affirmation about deletion of electronic documents and accounts after commencement of proceedings

Court’s inherent power to deal with abuses of process / interrogatories / UCPR r 223(2)(b)

34. *Madan v Mineralogy Pty Ltd [No 3]* [2023] WASC 227 per Kenneth Martin J (led by Peter Dunning KC; contra Mr Blandford)

Application for separate liability and quantum trials

35. *Re Northern Energy Corp Ltd* [2023] NSWSC 126 per Richmond J (led by Adam Pomerence KC)

Costs of an application for leave to amend a pleading shortly before trial

36. *Madan v Mineralogy Pty Ltd [No 2]* [2022] WASC 470 (led by Peter Dunning KC; contra Mr Blandford)

Discovery; confidentiality protocols

37. *Mineralogy Pty Ltd v BGP Geoexplorer Pte Ltd* [2019] 2 Qd R 336; [2018] QCA 256 per Gotterson and McMurdo JJA and Henry J (unled; contra Tom Pincus)

And at first instance: [2018] QSC 42; [2018] 11 QLR per Jackson J (led by Dominic O’Sullivan KC; contra Tom Pincus)

And High Court special leave application: [2019] HCASL 43

Post-judgment interest: When a US\$18 million debt ceased at law to be “payable” such that interest ceased accruing

38. *Parbery v QNI Metals Pty Ltd* [2018] QSC 83 per Bond J as his Honour then was

Application by plaintiffs for leave to be represented by two sets of solicitors

39. *Parbery v QNI Metals Pty Ltd* [2018] QSC 83 per Jackson J

Disclosure

40. *China First Pty Ltd & Anor v Mount Isa Mines & Ors* [2019] 3 Qd R 173; [2018] QCA 350 per Fraser, Gotterson and McMurdo JJA (unled; contra Roger Traves KC and Stewart Webster)

And at first instance: [2018] QSC 163; [2018] 31 QLR per Brown J (unled; contra Roger Traves KC and Stewart Webster)

Whether final orders following a substantive hearing should be set aside because an equitable chargee had been a necessary party to the proceeding but had not been joined

41. *Byerwen Coal Pty Ltd v Colinta Holdings Pty Ltd (No 3)* [2019] QLC 20 per Stilgoe OAM (unled; on the papers)

Costs

42. *Melbourne IT (Arq Group) v Maverick HR Pty Ltd* [2018] QDC 229 per Richards DCJ (unled)

Summary judgment and strike-out application

43. *Mineralogy Pty Ltd v BGP Geoexplorer Pte Ltd* [2017] QCA 275 per Fraser JA (led by Thomas Bradley QC as his Honour then was; contra Tom Pincus)

Application for stay of enforcement of judgment pending appeal

Legal practice

44. *Waller Family Lawyers Pty Ltd v McAuley* [2025] QCA 25 [2025] 12 QLR per Mullins P, Flanagan JA and Martin SJA (unled)

And below: [2024] QCATA 58 per Member Forbes

Principles applicable to costs agreements and costs disclosure

Permanent stays of proceedings

45. *Challis v Ford Motor Company of Australia Pty Ltd* (2023) 3 QDCR 226; [2023] QDC 193 per Porter KC DCJ (unled; contra Cate Heyworth-Smith KC and Samuel Lane for the APIA plaintiffs and Ken Horsley for the Youi plaintiffs; Holly Blattman KC acting for the vehicle dealer)

Acted for Ford in a successful application to permanently stay two proceedings on the grounds that they constituted an abuse of process as a result of one of the plaintiffs' insurers disposing of relevant physical evidence

And [2023] QDC 215 (costs)

Also [2021] QDC 177 – earlier successful application to compel the plaintiffs' insurer to file and serve affidavits explaining its disposal of physical evidence

46. *Parbery v QNI Metals Pty Ltd* [2019] QSC 207; [2019] 35 QLR per Mullins J (as her Honour then was)

Application for stay of proceedings

Arbitration and expert determination

- 47. UNCITRAL arbitration in Singapore concerning a gold and copper mine (led by Liam Kelly KC) (2025 -)
- 48. Two related confidential expert determinations before Damien O'Brien KC concerning a proposed solar project (unled; contra Peter Franco KC) (2024). Settled.
- 49. *Mineralogy Pty Ltd v The State of Western Australia* [2020] QSC 344; [2020] 49 QLR per Martin J (led by Dominic O'Sullivan KC; contra Shane Doyle KC, J Thompson SC and others)

Whether declaratory arbitral awards are enforceable and whether enforcement had been properly effected; principles applicable to setting aside of orders obtained *ex parte*

Miscellaneous

- 50. *Folau v Queensland Rugby League Limited* (Supreme Court of Queensland proceeding no. BS6367/2021)

Acted (led by Peter Dunning KC; contra Damien Atkinson OAM KC) in dispute between Israel Folau and Queensland Rugby League Limited regarding whether particular provisions of the QRL Rules were void as a restraint of trade (resolved before trial)

- 51. Six day breach of copyright trial in 2021 (leading Alexander Choy)
- 52. *Holdfast Palms Pty Ltd & Ors v Dight & Anor* (NSW Supreme Court proceeding no. 2020/00259758) and *Dight v Lambert* (NSW Supreme Court proceeding no. 2020/00202740) (2020 – 2021) (unled)

Dispute regarding Canary Island Date Palm plantation. Claim for \$3 million damages for breach of contract; specific performance; related application to wind up the joint venture vehicle on just and equitable grounds

Interlocutory injunctions

53. *Next Generation Advice Pty Ltd (in liq) v Doumani* [2024] FCA 1129 per Sarah Derrington J (led by Brian O'Donnell KC; contra Gavin Handran KC and Riley McDermott)

Acted for liquidators in an application for interlocutory injunctions restraining alleged solicitation of clients and employees of a financial advisory business and misuse of confidential information

54. *Mangosteen Orchard Pty Ltd v Zieth* [2021] QDC 20 per Sheridan DCJ (unled)

Successful application for interlocutory mandatory injunction for delivery up of harvesting equipment

55. *Century Mining Ltd v Gulf Aboriginal Development Company Limited and Bank of China Limited* [2018] QSC (led by Thomas Bradley QC as his Honour then was)

Successful applications for interlocutory and final injunctions to stop payment by the Bank of China Limited pursuant to a call on a bank guarantee