

NORTH QUARTER LANE CHAMBERS

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Admission to Queensland Bar: May 2017
Admission to other jurisdictions: 2002 New South Wales (solicitor)
2003 Queensland (solicitor)

Practice: I practice in commercial litigation, with experience acting in a broad range of subject areas including banking, personal and corporate insolvency, financial services, construction, resources and insurance.

Matters in which I have appeared include:

Contract

Summer Swim Pty Ltd v Sam Riley Promotions Pty Ltd [2019] QSC 070 – Vendor and purchaser; contract; misleading or deceptive conduct; self-represented plaintiff

Solar Panel Xpress Pty Ltd v Wallandale Pty Ltd [2021] QDC 031 – Vendor and purchaser; contract; misleading or deceptive conduct

Construction

G&S Engineering Services Pty Ltd v MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd [2019] NSWSC 407 – Restraint from calling on surety bonds

Corporations; Insolvency

Barboza v Blundy & Ors [2021] QSC 068 – Oppressive or unfair conduct in exercise of call option over shares; misleading or deceptive conduct; unconscionable conduct

ASIC v Dawson [2021] FCA 301 – Approval of court-appointed receivers' remuneration

Connelly, Gregorski Investments Pty Ltd (In Liq) v 320 Nominees Pty Ltd [2019] FCA 1400 – Insolvency; liquidators' equitable charge on trust assets; appointment of liquidators as receivers of trust assets

Emperor Investment Group Pty Ltd v Delta Law Pty Ltd [2019] QSC 307 – Termination of administration; whether administration commenced for improper purpose

Everlight Resources Ltd v Barnett [2018] QSC 244 – Application to set aside statutory demand; whether genuine dispute exists

Williams v Perrin [2018] QSC 167 – Directions for payment of dividend by liquidator
Acting in various public examinations both on behalf of liquidators and examinees

Acting in various s 19 *ASIC Act* examinations both on behalf of ASIC and examinees

Financial services; Regulatory

McDonald v AMP Financial Planning Pty Ltd (2018) 129 ACSR 605; [2018] QSC 195 – Termination of authorised representative

John Bridgeman Ltd v National Stock Exchange of Australia Ltd (2019) 139 ACSR 244; [2019] FCA 1127 – Application for preliminary discovery; suspension of trading of shares on stock exchange

Health services; Regulatory

Kitchen v Director of Professional Services Review (No 2) [2019] FCA 2022 – Urgent application to stay disqualification of medical practitioner

Kitchen v Director of Professional Services Review (No 3) [2020] FCA 634 – Where Medicare resisted production of documents pursuant to a subpoena

Commercial arbitration

Acting for an international engineering consultancy in a three-week arbitration under SIAC Rules in respect of the design and construction of a polymetallic mine and processing facility

Previous Employment:

January 2002 - March 2017: Managing Associate, Senior Associate, Lawyer at Allens

As a solicitor, I had a broad commercial litigation practice, with carriage of numerous substantial disputes across a wide range of subject areas, including banking, securities and insolvency litigation, mining, oil and gas and resources disputes (particularly joint venture disputes), admiralty matters (including advising port operators and charterers) and trade practices and competition.

Education: Bachelor of Laws (Hons I) (Griffith University)

Bachelor of Science (Griffith University)

Master of Laws (QUT)

Academic: Sessional academic, Queensland University of Technology, LLH401: Legal Research Capstone

Sessional academic, Griffith University, 3028NSC: Forensic Evidence and the Expert Witness