

CURRIVULUM VITAE

Name: Matthew David Paterson

Matthew Paterson has a broad civil and commercial practice. He has significant experience in large-scale and complex disputes, especially relating to energy and resources matters, as well as the electricity market. He regularly appears in superior Courts, led and unled, and has experience working with witnesses who need interpreters. Matthew also frequently acts for and against the government, including in taxation and revenue matters.

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Tertiary education: Australian National University
Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, 2019

University of Queensland
Bachelor of Laws (Hons IIA), 2018
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Professional experience:	October 2023-Present:	Barrister at Law
	2022-2025:	Sessional Academic, Queensland University of Technology
	2018-2024:	Reporter, Queensland Law Reporter (ICLRQ)
	2020-2023:	Lawyer/Associate (Dispute Resolution) MinterEllison
	2019-2020:	Associate to the Hon Justice JA Logan RFD, Federal Court of Australia Supreme & National Courts of PNG
	2017-2019:	Associate to a Senior Member, Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Committee memberships: Vice President, Australian Institute of Administrative Law ("AIAL"), 2022-Present

National Board Member, AIAL, 2020-Present

Secretary, AIAL Queensland Chapter, 2020-Present

Selected cases

Class Actions

- Appearing for Stanwell Corporation Limited in an 11 week class action trial in the Federal Court defending a claim brought under s 46 of the *Competition and Consumer Act* 2010 (Cth). This claim involved complex and technical questions regarding the operation of the National Electricity Market. (led by S Doyle KC, P Franco KC, M Barnes and J Menzies): *Stillwater Pastoral Co Pty Ltd v Stanwell Corp Ltd* [2024] FCA 1382.
- Appearing for one of the defendants in class action proceedings brought in the Supreme Court of Queensland in respect of the collapse of the Blue Dog Group (led by D O’Sullivan KC and K Dyon): *Blue Dog Group Pty Ltd v ASIC* [2025] QSC 342; *Blue Dog Group Pty Ltd v Credit Suisse Equities (Australia) Limited* [2026] QSC 110.

Competition Law

- Appearing for Ergon Energy Queensland Pty Ltd in judicial review proceedings seeking to set aside a statutory notice to produce issued by the Australian Energy Regulator (led by J McKenna KC): *Ergon Energy Queensland Pty Ltd v Australian Energy Regulator* [2025] FCA 541.
- Appearing in a misleading or deceptive conduct case in the Federal Court regarding the purchase of a phosphate mine (led by D Butler KC).
- Acting for a witness and respondent to a subpoena in a cartel conduct case brought by the ACCC in the Federal Court (led by D Forrester).

General Commercial Litigation

- Acting for Village Roadshow Group in high-profile proceedings against former employees relating to the alleged misuse of company property (led by D O’Sullivan KC and P Nevard).
- Appearing for the successful plaintiffs in a 4-day Queensland Supreme Court trial regarding a failed joint venture, including complex claims for breach of fiduciary duty and breach of contract (unled): *Yan v He* [2026] QSC 105; *Yan v He (No 2)* [2026] QSC 153.
- Acting for the respondents in an appeal relating to the scope of a solicitor’s lien (led by D O’Brien KC): *Enyo Lawyers Pty Ltd v Island Resorts (Facilities and Equipment) Pty Ltd* [2026] QCA 133; *Enyo Lawyers Pty Ltd v Island Resorts (Facilities and Equipment) Pty Ltd (No 2)* [2026] QCA 173.
- Acting for the owners of a gold mine in a joint venture dispute (led by M Jones KC and A Schriiffer).
- Acting for a property developer in resisting an application for an interlocutory injunction related to the exercise of call options or termination of contracts (led by D Savage KC).

- Appearing for three defendants in Federal Court proceedings brought by ASIC seeking the appointment of receivers and asset preservation orders (led by G Handran KC).
- Acting for the purchaser of a mining-related business in multiple breach of warranty claims in the Queensland Supreme Court arising from a share sale agreement (led by S Webster KC).
- Acting for the defendants and counter-claimants in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings relating to the failure of a property development joint venture (led by M Hickey OAM KC).
- Appearing for the respondents to an application to review a registrar's decision to issue a costs certificate (unled): *Quach v McIntyre (No 2)* [2025] FCA 1512.
- Acting for two former employees in Federal Court proceedings relating to unpaid employee entitlements and the validity of contractual restraints of trade (unled).
- Acting for the purchaser of a property in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings brought by another alleged purchaser of the property (led by M Jones KC).
- Appearing in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings regarding the appointment and conduct of a receiver in the in respect of the Couran Cove resort, including in resisting an application to set aside default judgment and in an application for summary judgment (led by D O'Brien KC): *Island Resorts (Facilities and Equipment) Pty Ltd v Couran Cove Resort Community Body Corporate* [2026] QSC 28.
- Appearing in Queensland District Court proceedings regarding the commission payable to a former contractor for an equipment hire business (led by C George).
- Acting for the Brisbane Bullets in proceedings relating to the alleged failure of a sponsor to pay agreed sponsorship amounts (unled).

Building and Construction

- Acting for the builder/developer of a residential development on the Gold Coast in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings regarding delay-based claims, misleading or deceptive conduct and the application of sunset clauses (led by D O'Brien KC).
- Acting for Cleanaway Solid Waste Pty Ltd in proceedings related to the flooding of a waste dump during construction of a waste storage cell (led by D O'Brien KC and S McLeod).
- Acting in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings regarding allegations of defective building work related to a residential development and an associated review of an adjudication determination (led by J Hastie).
- Acting for Hutchinsons Builders in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings regarding allegations of encroachment and trespass arising from the installation of rock anchors (unled).
- Acting in various building adjudications and Tribunal proceedings relating to claims for defective works in Queensland, NSW and the Northern Territory.

Taxation and Revenue Law

- Acting for a large insurer in Supreme Court judicial review proceedings relating to a refusal by the Commissioner of State Revenue to reassess double-paid duty (led by JHorton KC).
- Acting for the taxpayer in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings relating to the proper construction of a contract for the rollover of property from a partnership to a company (led by D O'Brien KC).
- Acting for the Commissioner of State Revenue in an appeal to the Queensland Supreme Court challenging the imposition of interest on a reassessment (unled).
- Acting for the Commissioner of State Revenue in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings brought by an entity seeking the payment of interest on a reassessment (led by H Lakis).
- Acting in the Queensland Court of Appeal for the Commissioner of State Revenue, appealing a first instance decision regarding the imposition of transfer duty arising from an alleged resale agreement (led by H Lakis): *Commissioner of State Revenue v FKG01 Pty Ltd* [2026] QCA 12.
- Acting for and advising the taxpayer in judicial review proceedings in the Queensland Supreme Court seeking to challenge a decision not to grant *ex gratia* relief in respect of landholder duty (led by H Lakis).
- Acting for the Commissioner of State Revenue in a tax appeal in the Queensland Supreme Court regarding transfer duty regarding the privatisation of significant State-owned assets (led by H Lakis).

Insolvency

- Appearing for the liquidator of a company in Queensland Supreme Court proceedings seeking to recover possession of vehicles allegedly leased to the liquidator and in a cross-claim brought by the liquidator alleging voidable transactions (led by B Wacker).
- Acting for the former directors of a company in voidable transaction claims brought by a liquidator (led by B Wacker).
- Appearing for the directors of a company in receivership in a contested one-day application in the Queensland Supreme Court to wind up the company (unled).

Other matters

- Acting for the Brisbane City Council in judicial review proceedings relating to rates imposed on the Queens Wharf development (led by D Marks KC).
- Acting for a student in an application to set aside his expulsion from a school (led by D Savage KC): *Bebendorf v Emmanuel College* [2025] QSC 283.
- Acting for the Psychology Board of Australia in disciplinary proceedings against a registered psychologist (unled): *Psychology Board of Australia v Macleod* [2026] QCAT 52; *Psychology Board of Australia v Macleod (No 2)* [2026] QCAT 53.