

REBEKAH OLDFIELD

YEAR OF CALL: 2025

Rebekah accepts briefs in all areas of law, with a particular focus on commercial and public law.

Prior to her call to the Bar, Rebekah practiced principally in commercial litigation and insolvency as a Senior Associate at Allens.

Rebekah was Associate to the Honourable Justice Peter Applegarth AM in the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2015. She holds a Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry) and a Bachelor of Arts (English Literature) from the University of Queensland.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate; Administrative Law & Judicial Review; Bankruptcy & Insolvency; Commercial; Contract; Equity; Inquiries & Coronial Inquests; Insurance; Property; Resources & Energy

EXPERIENCE

Experience as a barrister includes:

- Acting in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings concerning the Gladstone LNG project (led by A Stumer KC with C Schneider and S McCarthy).
- Acting in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings concerning the validity of the appointment of receivers and managers to the assets of a company in liquidation (led by S Webster KC).
- Appearing in the Supreme Court of Queensland to resist an application for an urgent interlocutory injunction (led by M Hickey OAM KC).
- Acting in Federal Court of Australia proceedings concerning alleged copyright infringement in the context of the development of a residential lifestyle community (led by A Crowe KC with M Walker)
- Appearing (unled) in the Coroners Court of Queensland in a coronial inquest into the death of an infant at the Redcliffe Hospital.
- Appearing (unled) in the Federal Circuit and Family Court for the applicant in an application for substitution as the petitioning creditor under the *Bankruptcy Act 1966*.
- Appearing (unled) in the Supreme Court of Queensland seeking the discharge of a court-appointed receiver and manager.

Experience as a solicitor includes:

Commercial litigation

- acting for BHP in a complex dispute commenced in the Land Court of Queensland under a special statutory compensation regime. The matter related to the loss of opportunity to build and operate a coal mine, with the claim exceeding \$150m and involving over 100 expert reports.

- acting for Santos in a joint venture dispute (*Santos TOGA Pty Ltd v KGLNG E&P Pty Ltd* [2024] QSC 169).
- acting for the receivers and managers of a claim for indemnification under an insurance policy. The claim related to damage sustained to a large domestic property due to a fire.
- acting for Big W in a dispute commenced in the Supreme Court of Queensland by the landlord of the Calamvale Shopping Centre relating to Big W's termination of its lease during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Insolvency

- acting for an ASX listed entity to defend an application to set aside a statutory demand.
- acting for the liquidators of Careers Australia Group in seeking to recover voidable transactions.
- acting for liquidators and trustees in bankruptcy in public examinations commenced under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth) respectively.

Public law

- acting for the users of the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal in an application for judicial review of the Queensland Competition Authority's decision to declare the terminal as a regulated asset (*DBCT Management Pty Ltd v Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Qld)* [2021] QSC 335).
- acting for the Chief Executive of the Department of Resources (Qld) in an application for judicial review of the Department's decision to refuse to accept an application to renew an authority to prospect pursuant to the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) (*Icon Energy Limited v Chief Executive, Department of Resources* [2023] QSC 227).
- advising government-owned corporations in respect of statutory interpretation and administrative law matters arising under right to information and judicial review legislation, the application of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (Qld), and contractual disputes.

CAREER

2025–	Barrister, Queensland
2024	Managing Counsel, Disputes & Regulatory – BHP
Jul–Dec 2023	Principal Lawyer (Administrative Law), Crown Law Queensland
Jan–Jul 2023	Principal Legal Officer for the independent review of the <i>Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010</i> conducted by Justice Alan Wilson KC
2016–2022	Solicitor, Disputes & Investigations / Restructuring & Insolvency, Allens
2015	Associate to the Hon Justice P D T Applegarth, Supreme Court of Queensland

EDUCATION

2015	Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Australian National University
2014	Bachelor of Laws (Graduate Entry), University of Queensland
2011	Bachelor of Arts (English Literature), University of Queensland

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