

# RACHEL LIANG

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative law

Arbitration

Class actions

Competition and consumer

Contract

Corporations

Equity and trusts

Media and defamation

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Queensland University of Technology (2016)

Bachelor of Journalism (Distinction), Queensland University of Technology (2016)

The College of Law, Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (2017)

## ADMISSIONS

Admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court of Australia (2017)

## CAREER HISTORY

Prior to joining the bar, Rachel gained considerable litigation and dispute resolution experience as a solicitor at a leading national firm and a pre-eminent boutique law firm. She conducted a range of complex and large-scale commercial litigation. Rachel practices in all State and Federal Courts and tribunals.

November 2024 to date	Barrister in private practice at the Queensland Bar
2022 to 2024	Senior Associate at MinterEllison
2021 to 2022	Associate at MinterEllison
2017 to 2021	Solicitor at Bartley Cohen

## SELECTED CASES

### *As counsel*

#### General commercial

- Acting for defendants in Qld Supreme Court proceedings in a complex multiparty contract dispute concerning the resources sector (led by M Johnston KC with D Turner and B Fernandez)
- Acting for plaintiff in Qld Supreme Court proceedings arising from alleged breaches of fiduciary and statutory duties (led by M Jones KC)
- Appearing for respondent in an application for stay pending the determination of criminal proceedings in Qld Supreme Court (unled)
- Acting for defendant in Qld Supreme Court proceedings concerning alleged misleading and deceptive conduct (led by D O'Brien KC)
- Appearing for helicopter owner/operator in preliminary question concerning whether a novel duty of care is owed for pure economic loss (led by J Peden KC with J Hughes)

#### Class actions

- Appearing for stockbroker in a class action commenced in Qld Supreme Court concerning allegations of insider trading (led by A Nicholas)
- Acting for the State of Queensland in class action commenced in Qld Supreme Court concerning user administration charges and administration charges to be paid by toll road users in Queensland (led by S Couper KC, D de Jersey KC with L Clark and S Amos)

#### Regulatory

- Advising ASIC in its investigation into potential contraventions of the *Corporations Act 2001* (led by M Brady KC with A O'Brien, S Walpole)

#### Other

- Advising a fine artist in relation to his moral rights claim in the Federal Court against the Australia Broadcasting Corporation and two of its journalists arising from the false attribution of his works (pro bono, unled)

### *As a solicitor*

#### General commercial

- Acting in Qld Supreme proceedings involving allegations of misleading and deceptive conduct and negligence in relation to purchase of a private hospital
- Advising Australian investment manager in relation to dispute with Canadian-based global real estate investment company arising from joint venture
- Acting for claimant in ICC arbitration involving Mozambican substantive law and Swiss procedural law
- Acting for plaintiff in proceedings in NSW Supreme Court involving dispute as to construction of licence agreements for global patents of supercapacitors

### Class actions

- Acting for a trustee of superannuation funds and a provider of superannuation insurance in a class action in the Federal Court concerning breaches of statutory duties (including failure to act in members' best interests) and failures to avoid conflicts of interest
- Acting for ASX and NSX listed manufacturer in threatened class actions which involved, *inter alia*, allegations as to the fitness for purpose of plastic water pipes used in residential homes in Australia

### Financial services

- Acting for online broker in proceedings in NSW Supreme Court concerning the interpretation of a share sale agreement and related claims of common and unilateral mistake, breach of fiduciary duties, and misleading and deceptive conduct
- Acting for US-based asset management firm in domestic, ad hoc arbitration relating to the non-payment of performance fees
- Acting for various employees of a major Australian bank in responding to notices from ASIC and providing witness statements under compulsion
- Advising major Australian bank in relation to contractual dispute with service provider and potential quantum meruit claim

### Other

- Acting for pharmacy ownership regulator in relation to declaratory relief sought by banner group in NSW Supreme Court and in related administrative review proceedings commenced by a pharmacist in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Acting for director charged with criminal offences under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld) in District Court prosecution