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With a practice that spans both commercial and public law, Bianca's experience extends across the full range of commercial, construction, insolvency, insurance, professional negligence and taxation disputes. Increasingly, her work also encompasses public and environmental law issues, particularly those arising in cases in the energy, mining and resources sectors.

Listed by Australian Financial Review *Best Lawyers*® as a leading Australia junior counsel in Litigation and Construction/Infrastructure Law, Bianca has also been recognised in Doyle's Guide in the areas of Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution, Insolvency & Restructuring and Construction & Infrastructure. She is engaged frequently both as sole counsel and as part of larger teams in heavyweight litigation and arbitration. Bianca appears in all State and Federal Courts, and has experience as junior counsel before the High Court of Australia and in international arbitrations.

Before being called to the bar, Bianca was the Associate to the Honourable Justice David Jackson of the Supreme Court of Queensland and worked as a solicitor at an international firm. She holds a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours from the University of Queensland and a Bachelor of Civil Law with Distinction from the University of Oxford.

Bianca has also been appointed as the Sub-Editor for the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting (Queensland) and is responsible for assisting the Editor with the publication of the weekly Queensland Law Reporter.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Arbitration, Banking, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Insurance, International, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Native Title & Cultural Heritage, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Shipping, Succession, Tax.

CASES

***YFG Shopping Centres Pty Ltd v WGP No. 1 Pty Limited* [2026] QSC 61**
April 2026, Corporations, Competition & Consumer

***Tri-Star Petroleum Company v Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd (Formerly Oil Company of Australia Limited) (No 2)* [2026] QSC 43**

March 2026, Contract

Tri-Star Petroleum Company v Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd (Formerly Oil Company of Australia Limited) **[2026] QSC 18**
February 2026, Contract

QRAD Pty Ltd v Philips Electronics Australia Limited **[2026] QSC 5**
January 2026, Contract

NRT v MGN Pty Ltd & ACG Pty Ltd **[2026] QSC 2**
January 2026, Arbitration

Downer EDI Rail Pty Ltd v John Holland Queensland Pty Ltd (No 2) **[2025] QSC 347**
December 2025, Contract

QRAD Ltd v Philips Electronics Australia limited **[2025] QSC 317**
November 2025, Contract

Downer EDI Rail Pty Ltd v John Holland Queensland Pty Ltd **[2025] QSC 310**
November 2025, Contract

Northern SEQ Distributor-Retailer Authority t/a Unitywater v Monadelphous Engineering Pty Ltd **[2025] QSC 253**
October 2025, Contract, Planning & Environment

Mining Standards International Pty Ltd v Atlantic Nickel Mineracao Ltda (No 2) **[2024] FCA 666**
June 2024, Banking, Corporations, International, Resources & Energy

BCI Media Group Pty Ltd v CoreLogic Australia Pty Ltd (No 2) **[2023] FCA 664**
June 2023, Intellectual Property

Queensland Motorways Pty Limited v CPB Contractors Pty Limited & Ors **[2023] QSC 107**
May 2023, Building & Construction

Tri-Star Petroleum Company & Ors v Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd (Formerly Oil Company of Australia Limited) & Anor **[2023] QSC 83**
April 2023, Contract

Denjim Pty Ltd v National Gold Pty Ltd; Denjim Pty Ltd v AU Gold Pty Ltd (No 2) **[2023] QSC 54**
March 2023, Contract

BCI Media Pty Ltd v Corelogic Australia Pty Ltd **[2022] FCA 1128**
September 2022, Intellectual Property

BCI Media Group Pty Ltd v CoreLogic Australia Pty Ltd (No 3) **[2021] FCA 884**
August 2021, Intellectual Property

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited v Sooner Insurance Company **[2021] QSC 43**
March 2021, Insurance

Island Resorts (Apartments) Pty Ltd v Gold Coast City Council **[2021] QCA 19**
February 2021, Land Law & Property

Santos Limited v Fluor Australia Pty Ltd & Anor (No 1) **[2020] QSC 372**
December 2020, Contract

Equititrust Limited v Tucker **[2020] QSC 269**
September 2020, Corporations

Island Resorts (Apartments) Pty Ltd v Gold Coast Council **[2020] QSC 145**
May 2020, Land Law & Property

Australian Securities and Investments Commission v King **[2020] HCA 4**
March 2020, Corporations, Appellate

Currie v Meredith **[2020] QDC 19**
January 2020, Corporations, Tax

Equititrust Limited v Tucker and Others (No 2) **[2019] QSC 248**
October 2019, Commercial Equity, Corporations

Tisdall v Omeros **[2019] QSC 220**
September 2019, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporations

King v Australian Securities and Investments Commission **[2019] QCA 121**
June 2019, Corporations, Appellate

Equititrust Limited v Tucker and Others **[2019] QSC 51**
March 2019, Contract, Corporations, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

King & Ors v Australian Securities and Investments Commission **[2018] QCA 352**
December 2018, Appellate, Corporations

Firstmac Ltd & Ors v Hunt & Hunt (a firm) **[2018] QSC 258**
November 2018, Land Law & Property, Professional Negligence

Sentinel Citilink Pty Ltd v PS Citilink Pty Ltd [2018] QSC 239
October 2018, Land Law & Property, Contract

Neta Tires v Mitchell [2018] QDC 200
October 2018, Contract

BP Australia Pty Ltd v Valuer-General [2018] QLC 34
October 2018, Land Law & Property

***Legal Services Commissioner v Nichols*[2018] QCA 158**
July 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Gailey Projects Pty Ltd v McCartney* [2017] QSC 185**
September 2017, Contract, Land Law & Property

EXPERIENCE

Notable matters as junior counsel include:

› acting for a principal in a complex construction dispute, including appearing in an emergency arbitration conducted in Singapore, under the SIAC Rules;

› appearing for the company group CEO in a two week appeal before the Queensland Court of Appeal, and appearing in subsequent special leave applications and a substantive appeal before the High Court of Australia;

› appearing as junior counsel in a Supreme Court trial concerning allegations of professional negligence against the plaintiff's former solicitors;

› appearing in the Court of Appeal in respect of a challenge to a decision of the Legal Services Commissioner;

› acting for a major resources company in respect of a mining lease application before the Land Court of Queensland;

› acting for a liquidator in Supreme Court proceedings over debts alleged to be owed by the company in liquidation;

› acting for a major property development group in Supreme Court proceedings against their former solicitors, alleging professional negligence in the conduct of a significant commercial property transaction;

› acting for an insured and its foreign subsidiaries in a multi-million dollar claim against an insurer for indemnity under a professional indemnity insurance policy;

› acting for non-bank lenders and mortgage managers in respect of professional negligence proceedings in the Supreme Court against their former solicitors;

› acting and appearing for a regional authority in respect of native title proceedings before the Federal Court of Australia; and

› advising a partner in respect of a number of matters including contractual construction, debt issues and strategic considerations arising from an international partnership dispute.

Recent matters as sole counsel include advising and appearing for litigants in taxation disputes, contractual disputes, insolvency disputes, commercial tenancy disputes and judicial review applications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Profession

2026 – 'Leading' junior counsel for Commercial Litgation & Dispute Resolution (QLD)

2026 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Construction & Infrastructure (QLD)

2025 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Insolvency & Restructuring (QLD)

2025 – 'Leading' junior counsel for Commercial Litgation & Dispute Resolution (QLD)

2025 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Construction & Infrastructure (QLD)

2024 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Insolvency & Restructuring (QLD)

2024 – 'Leading' junior counsel for Litigation & Dispute Resolution (QLD)

2024 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Construction & Infrastructure (QLD)

2023 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Insolvency & Restructuring (QLD)

2023 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Litigation & Dispute Resolution (QLD)

2023 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Construction & Infrastructure (QLD)

2022 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution (QLD)

2021 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution (QLD)

2020 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Insolvency & Restructuring (QLD)

2020 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution (QLD)

2020 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Construction & Infrastructure (QLD)

2019 – 'Recommended' junior counsel for Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution (QLD)

Australian Financial Review *Best Lawyers*®

2022-27 – Litigation and Construction & Infrastructure

APPOINTMENTS

2017 Sub-Editor for the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting (Queensland)

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

EDUCATION

2016 Bachelor of Civil Law (with Distinction), University of Oxford (Magdalen College)

2013 Bachelor of Laws (Hons I), University of Queensland

2013 Bachelor of Commerce (Finance), University of Queensland

AWARDS

2016 University of Oxford Law Faculty Prize for Best Performance in the International Law of the Sea Paper

2013 University of Queensland Law Society Medal for the Most Outstanding Graduate of the Year

2013 Valedictorian of Law, University of Queensland

2013 Dean’s Honour Roll Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in the Bachelor of Commerce

PUBLICATIONS

Dealing Effectively & Ethically with Experts
October 2023, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Resources & Energy

Queensland's Human Rights Act: turning up the heat for Australian climate change litigation and development approvals?
June 2020, International, Class Actions, Land Law & Property, Native Title & Cultural Heritage, Planning & Environment

Gold Digger: what are your state security of payment recourses?
April 2020, Building & Construction

Fiduciary duties: a mystery or not?

November 2019, Corporations, Commercial Equity

Best Practice International Arbitration in Australia: an Australian view on current issues affecting the arbitral mandate
November 2019, Arbitration, International

International Arbitration - Trends, Developments and Opportunities for Future Growth
November 2018, Arbitration

International Arbitration: trends, developments and opportunities for future growth
April 2018, Arbitration, International

Pure economic loss and consequential loss: how to tell them apart?
August 2017, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

Insolvency Law Reform Act and Insolvency Practice Rules - some of the essentials
April 2017, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Watts v Watts (2015) EWCA Civ 1297 and the fair-minded, "uninformed" observer
June 2016, Contract

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation