

# BIANCA KABEL

YEAR OF CALL: 2016

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

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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

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

LEVEL

TWENTY  
SEVEN

CHAMBERS



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***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

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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

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### Doyle's Guide to the Australian Profession

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*®**

2022-26 – Litigation and Construction & Infrastructure

## **APPOINTMENTS**

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

## **MEMBER**

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Bar Association of Queensland

## **EDUCATION**

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**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**

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**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**

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**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

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