

CHRISTOPHER DOYLE

YEAR OF CALL: 2020

Christopher has a broad commercial practice that includes building and construction, energy and resources, contract, corporations, defamation, and professional negligence, as well as a range of regulatory, public and administrative law work.

Having practised as a solicitor in commercial litigation and dispute resolution at a national Australian law firm, Christopher has an attuned sense of each client's needs. He combines this client-centric approach with legal expertise drawn from acting for clients in a variety of industries, most notably the energy and resources, construction and infrastructure, and property sectors in all State and Federal Courts.

In 2021, Christopher was briefed to appear as junior counsel before the High Court of Australia in *Sunland Group Limited v Gold Coast City Council* (2021) 394 ALR 385.

Christopher holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Queensland and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the Queensland University of Technology.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Arbitration, Building & Construction, Class Actions, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Intellectual Property, Judicial Review & Administrative, Media & Defamation, Planning & Environment, Resources & Energy.

CASES

***Stephenson v Marer* [2025] QCA 215**

November 2025, Land Law & Property

***Novadeck Pty Ltd v CK & PT Property Holdings Pty Ltd* [2025] QCA 170**

September 2025, Contract, Land Law & Property

***Hanrick v Donsky* [2025] QDC 118**

August 2025, Land Law & Property

***CK & PT Property Holdings Pty Ltd atf CK & PT Property act Novadeck Pty Ltd* [2025] QDC 50**

February 2025, Contract, Land Law & Property

***Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia v Gutierrez* [2024] QCAT 465**

September 2024, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Gerard Brock Rennick v Benjamin Riley and Ors* [2024] QSC 130**

June 2024, Corporations

***Psychology Board of Australia v Flaherty* [2024] QCAT 244**

April 2024, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Legal Services Commissioner v JXL* [2023] QSC 283**

December 2023, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Raghoobar v Legal Services Commissioner* [2023] QCA 191**

September 2023, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Oldmeadow v Trevorrow* [2023] QSC 38**

March 2023, Commercial Equity

***Courtney v Chalfen (No 2)* [2022] QSC 142**

August 2022, Contract

***Sunland Group Limited v Gold Coast City Council* [2021] HCA 35**

November 2021, Appellate, Land Law & Property, Planning & Environment

EXPERIENCE

Christopher's experience includes the following significant cases:

- > acting for a mining company in defending proceedings about contracts for the construction and modification of rail infrastructure connecting to the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal near Gladstone;
- > advising (led) concerning the termination of a Power Purchase Agreement in the Supreme Court of Western Australia;
- > advising companies about compliance with the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* (Cth);
- > appearing (led and unled) in general commercial proceedings;
- > appearing (unled) in professional negligence proceedings;
- > appearing (unled) in defamation matters for individuals in traditional and digital media;
- > appearing (led and unled) in professional disciplinary proceedings including for legal practitioners, health practitioners, teachers, and other professionals;

> appearing (unled) in various oppression proceedings in the Supreme Court of Queensland;

> appearing (unled) for parties in the Queensland Building and Construction Commission;

Appellate

> appearing (unled) for the Legal Services Commissioner defending an appeal against a decision that the appellant had engaged in legal practice when not entitled (*Raghoobar v Legal Services Commissioner*);

High Court

> appearing (led) in the High Court for Sunland Group Limited in relation to construing conditions of development approval (*Sunland Group Limited v Gold Coast City Council*).

APPOINTMENTS

2023 Member of the Bar Council

2023 Member of the Law Council of Australia – Young Lawyers Committee

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

CAREER

2020 Barrister

2018 Solicitor, Holding Redlich

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Queensland University of Technology

Bachelor of Arts (Hons), University of Queensland

PUBLICATIONS

Persuasive Legal Writing: The Importance of Document Design and Typography

August 2022

Contracts & Coronavirus: Pathology & Prognosis of Frustration and Force Majeure Claims on Sporting and Cultural Events

April 2020, Contract

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