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With the benefit of significant litigation experience across a range of practice areas, Danielle's diverse practice spans civil and commercial matters and public law.

Danielle has particular expertise acting in complex commercial litigation and large-scale insurance coverage disputes, especially for clients in the energy and resources, major projects, government, property and financial services sectors. Her broader commercial work encompasses contractual disputes, competition and consumer law, professional negligence, as well as building and construction matters. Danielle also has an administrative law practice and is regularly briefed in cases involving the regulation of Queensland's building and construction industry.

Danielle regularly appears both led and unled in the state and federal courts and in tribunals in civil, review and appellate jurisdictions, as well as in mediations and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

With over 20 years' experience, including as special counsel at a top tier law firm, Danielle is highly regarded as a trusted adviser and is valued for her strong work ethic, personable style and calm and considered approach.

Since 2023, Danielle has also been a sitting member of the Queensland Bar Association's New Bar Committee.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Banking, Building & Construction, Class Actions, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Insurance, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy.

CASES

Madden Developments Pty Ltd t/as Stroud Homes Sunshine Coast v QBCC **[2026] QCAT 401**
September 2026, Building & Construction, Judicial Review & Administrative

Catalyst Townsville SPV No 1 Pty Ltd v The Presbyterian Church of Queensland (receivers and managers appointed); Catalyst Corinda SPV No 2 Pty Ltd v The Presbyterian Church of Queensland (receivers and managers appointed); The Presbyterian Church of Queensland (receivers and managers appointed) v Catalyst Carina SPV Pty Ltd & Anor [No 2] **[2025] QSC 282**

October 2025, Commercial Equity, Corporations

Klimczyk v Queensland Building and Construction Commission **[2025] QCAT 391**
October 2025, Building & Construction, Judicial Review & Administrative

Catalyst Townsville SPV No 1 Pty Ltd v The Presbyterian Church of Queensland (receivers and managers appointed); Catalyst Corinda SPV No 2 Pty Ltd v The Presbyterian Church of Queensland (receivers and managers appointed); The Presbyterian Church of Queensland (receivers and managers appointed) v Catalyst Carina SPV Pty Ltd & Anor **[2025] QSC 255**
October 2025, Commercial Equity, Corporations

Custom Fab Solutions Pty Ltd v Liberty Managing Agency Limited Company Number 03003603 & Anor **[2025] QDC 140**
September 2025, Employment & Industrial, Insurance

O'Donnell v Queensland Building and Construction Commission
September 2025, Building & Construction, Judicial Review & Administrative

Medical Board of Australia v Broadbent **[2023] FCA 673**
May 2023, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

EXPERIENCE

Recent experience as a barrister includes:

> Acting (led by R. Anderson KC) in Federal Court proceedings for one of Australia's largest providers of professional trustee services in relation to a claim against a firm of financial advisers alleging misleading and deceptive conduct in contravention of the Australian Consumer Law.

> Acting (led by D. Chesterman KC) in Supreme Court proceedings in a dispute concerning a party's entitlement to call on bank guarantees.

> Appearing (led by M. Hodge KC and others) in a Supreme Court trial involving the financing of three aged care facilities to be operated by the Presbyterian Church of Queensland, and concerning the law of charitable trusts and statutory unconscionable conduct.

> Acting (led by P. Dunning KC, M. Hickey OAM KC and others) in Supreme Court proceedings for the owners of a large-scale CSG to LNG project in relation to various complex claims for indemnity made under contract works policies of insurance.

> Acting (led by S. Doyle KC and S. Spottiswood) in Federal Court proceedings concerning a dispute regarding a joint venture agreement.

> Acting (led by D. Butler KC) in Supreme Court proceedings concerning a dispute about the payment for services performed under an engineering contract.

> Acting (led by M. May) in District Court proceedings involving a commercial lease dispute.

> Acting (unled) in District Court proceedings concerning the sale of an accounting practice, involving claims of breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty.

> Acting (unled) in District Court proceedings in defence of a claim for damages for property damage allegedly caused to a prestige apartment building.

> Appearing (unled) in Federal Court proceedings on the review of a decision to make a sequestration order pursuant to the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (Cth) (*Medical Board of Australia v Broadbent* [2023] FCA 673).

> Appearing (unled) for the Queensland Building and Construction Commission in merits review proceedings in the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

> Advising (unled) on various matters, including on contractual disputes, insurance, tort law, corporate and commercial matters.

Experience as a solicitor includes:

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

> Acting in two Supreme Court proceedings for the owner of a large-scale CSG to LNG project concerning its acquisition of certain gas interests and the operation of the project.

> Acting in Supreme Court proceedings for the liquidators of a property developer in a claim concerning the development of the Royal Pines Resort.

> Acting in Supreme Court proceedings for the manufacturer of a tile cleaning product in defence of a subrogated claim pursued by insurers. Successfully obtained orders having the proceeding dismissed for want of prosecution.

> Acting in Supreme Court proceedings in a dispute regarding the taking of confidential information, which included the obtaining and execution of an Anton Piller order.

> Acting in New South Wales Supreme Court proceedings for a builder in dispute with a property developer regarding the construction of several residential townhouses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

> Acting for a national bank in the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry.

> Acting for a national stockbroking firm in defence of claims that were pursued against it and its authorised representatives alleging the provision of negligent advice in the conduct of its financial services business.

INSURANCE

> Acting in Supreme Court proceedings for the owners of a large-scale CSG to LNG project in relation to various complex claims made against insurers under contract works policies of insurance.

> Acting in Federal Court proceedings for various insureds in the second AFCA COVID-19 business interruption insurance test case.

> Acting for a mining company in a complex property damage and business interruption insurance claim relating to damage caused by the 2011 Queensland floods.

> Acting for an “alliance” project in a significant insurance claim concerning the design and construction of its advanced water treatment plant.

> Acting and advising in respect of numerous insurance claims, both for insurers and insureds (including contract works, ISR, professional indemnity, business interruption, D&O, public liability).

LAND LAW & PROPERTY

> Acting in Supreme Court and Court of Appeal proceedings for an independent fuel company in a complex leasing dispute.

> Acting in Supreme Court and Court of Appeal proceedings for the owner of a hotel group in relation to a dispute with the State of Queensland about the proper construction of a lease.

> Acting in complex District Court proceedings for a property developer against the State of Queensland concerning the alleged incorrect assessment of land tax.

REGULATORY

> Acting for an entertainment venue in a complex regulatory investigation relating to a food poisoning outbreak.

> Acting for employers in various workplace health and safety investigations and prosecutions.

APPOINTMENTS

2002 Appointed to the secretariat that assisted the Honourable Justice David Ipp to produce the report on tort law reform in Australia titled, "Review of the Law of Negligence" (Commonwealth Treasury, Canberra)

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

Australian Insurance Lawyers Association

CAREER

2022 Barrister, Queensland

2010-2022 Senior Associate and Special Counsel, Clayton Utz Lawyers, Brisbane

2005-2010 Senior Associate, Piper Alderman Lawyers, Brisbane

2004-2005 Solicitor, Bain Gasteen Lawyers, Brisbane

2004 Admitted as a solicitor, Supreme Court of Queensland

2003-2004 Solicitor, Australian Government Solicitor, Canberra

2002-2003 Commonwealth Treasury, Canberra

2002 Admitted as a solicitor, Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory

EDUCATION

2006 Master of Laws, Queensland University of Technology

2002 Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Australian National University

2001 Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Business (International Business), Queensland University of Technology

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation