

# JAMES GREEN

YEAR OF CALL: 2014

James undertakes a variety of complex corporate and commercial work in the State and Federal Courts of Australia. He acts for a broad range of domestic and international clients, including ASX200 companies, high net-worth individuals, directors, shareholders, company liquidators, banks and government entities. James has particular experience in commercial litigation, including class actions, competition and consumer law, insolvency, trusts, construction litigation and, arbitration. He also practises in tax and administrative law.

Recently, James has been involved in the defence of a significant claim concerning PFAS contamination at Brisbane Airport, and has acted in several class actions (for plaintiffs and defendants) across shareholder disputes, claims for pure economic loss, and competition law.

James is listed in Best Lawyers Australia and Doyle's Guide, and is an associate member of CIArb.

Before joining Level Twenty Seven Chambers, James worked at Linklaters in London, and at Corrs Chambers Westgarth and Mallesons Stephen Jaques in Brisbane. He was an associate to Chief Justice Keane (as his Honour then was) in the Federal Court of Australia.

James graduated from the University of Queensland in 2010 with a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) and a Bachelor of Economics (Hons) with the University Medal. He also holds a Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) from the University of Oxford.

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

## CASES

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*YFG Shopping Centres Pty Ltd v WGP No. 1 Pty Limited*[2026] QSC 61



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April 2026, Corporations, Competition & Consumer

***EweTec Pty Ltd v Whyalla Beef Pty Ltd***[2025] FCA 842

July 2025, Contract, Corporations

***Shvets & Shvets*** [2025] FedCFamC1F 120

May 2025, Corporations

***Stillwater Pastoral Company Pty Ltd v Stanwell Corporation Ltd***[2024] FCA 1382

December 2024, Class Actions, Competition & Consumer, Resources & Energy

***Ingram as trustee for the Ingram Superannuation Fund v Ardent Leisure Limited (Settlement Approval)*** [2024]

**FCA 836**

July 2024, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

***Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited v Murphy Operator Pty Ltd***[2024] QCA 74

May 2024, Appellate

***A Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Storrer Family Trust & N Pty Ltd***[2023] FedCFamC1F 1124

December 2023, Corporations

***Murphy Operator & Ors v Gladstone Ports Corporation (No 9)***[2023] QSC 35

March 2023, Class Actions

***Porteous v Pharmacy Board of Australia (No. 2)***[2021] QCAT 390

November 2021, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Porteous v Pharmacy Board of Australia***[2021] QCAT 286

October 2021, Appellate, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***N Pty Ltd & A Pty Ltd*** [2021] FamCAFC 134

July 2021, Corporations

***Giffin v Sensis Pty Ltd & Anor*** [2020] QSC 357

December 2020, Contract

***Mineralogy Pty Ltd & Anor v The State of Western Australia***[2020] QSC 344

November 2020, Resources & Energy, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Ingram as trustee for the Ingram Superannuation Fund v Ardent Leisure Limited (No 2)***[2020] FCA 1390

October 2020, Corporations, Class Actions

***Ingram as trustee for the Ingram Superannuation Fund v Ardent Leisure Limited***[2020] FCA 1302

September 2020, Class Actions

**Jahani, in the matter of Miniso Master Franchisee Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed)[2020] FCA 1066**  
July 2020, Corporations

**Golden Vision Gold Coast Pty Ltd v Orchid Avenue Pty Ltd[2020] QCAT 215**  
June 2020, Contract

**Greystone Distributions (Qld & NSW) Pty Ltd & Ors v Rostron Carlyle Solicitors & Ors[2020] QCA 126**  
April 2020, Contract

**A Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Storrer Family Trust & Anor v N Pty & Ors[2020] Fam CA 87**  
February 2020, Corporations

**Prime Constructions (Qld) Pty Ltd v HPS (Qld) Pty Ltd & Ors[2019] QSC 301**  
December 2019, Contract, Building & Construction

**Greystone Distributions (Qld & NSW) Pty Ltd as trustee for BR & SK Maidment Trust & Ors v Rostron Carlyle Solicitors & Anor [2019] QDC 227**  
November 2019, Professional Negligence

**Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd v Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal Pty Limited; Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal Pty Limited v Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd[2019] QCA 12**  
February 2019, Contract, Building & Construction

**Orchid Avenue Realty Pty Ltd v Makings Custodian Pty Ltd[2018] QCA 129**  
June 2018, Competition & Consumer

**Makings Custodian Pty Ltd v Orchid Avenue Realty Pty Ltd[2018] QCA 33**  
March 2018, Appellate, Contract

**Makings Custodian Pty Ltd v CBRE (C) Pty Ltd (No2)[2018] QSC 25**  
March 2018, Corporations, Land Law & Property

**Carmody v Information Commissioner[2018] QCATA 14**  
March 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative

**Mio Art Pty Ltd v Mango Boulevard Pty Ltd[2018] QSC 31**  
March 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

**Graham & Linda Huddy Nominees Pty Ltd v Byrne[2017] FCA 1638**  
December 2017, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

**Campaigntrack Victoria Pty Ltd v Gannon[2017] QCAT 272**  
June 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative

**Makings Custodian Pty Ltd v CBRE (C) Pty Ltd[2017] QSC 80**  
May 2017, Land Law & Property, Competition & Consumer

***LPD Holdings (Aust) Pty Ltd v Russells* [2017] QSC 45**

March 2017, Contract

***Equititrust Ltd (in Liq)(Receiver Appointed)(Receivers and Managers Appointed) v Equititrust Ltd (in Liq)(no.3)* [2016] FCA 738**

June 2016, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

***Rivercity Motorway Management Ltd (in Liquidation) (No.2)* [2016] FCA 708**

June 2016, Corporations, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

***Comgroup Supplies Pty Ltd v Products for Industry Pty Ltd* [2016] QCA 88**

April 2016, Appellate, Commercial Equity

***SMM Solomon & Others v Axiom KB Limited & Others* [2016] SBCA 1**

March 2016, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Resources & Energy

***Sunshine Coast Regional Council v Earthpro Pty Ltd* [2015] QSC 168**

June 2015, Building & Construction, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Sandhurst Trustees Limited v Clarke* [2015] FCAFC 21; (2015) 321 ALR 1**

February 2015, Appellate, Banking

***Sunshine Coast Regional Council v Earthpro Pty Ltd* [2014] QSC 271**

October 2014, Building & Construction

## EXPERIENCE

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### RECENT EXPERIENCE

- > Acting for Airservices Australia defending a ~\$600m claim concerning PFAS contamination at Brisbane Airport (instructed by Maddocks).
- > Acting for the majority owner of a mine in a dispute with other joint venturers concerning confidentiality obligations (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).
- > Acting for Whyalla Beef Pty Ltd defending a ~\$11m claim under a price-variation mechanism in a forward supply agreement (instructed by Clayton Utz).
- > Acting for Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited defending a class action claiming loss and damage arising from a large dredging project (judgment available [here](#)) (instructed by King & Wood Mallesons).
- > Acting for the successful applicant under ss 232 and 233 of the *Corporations Act 2001*(Cth) (judgments available [here](#) and [here](#)) (instructed by Bridge Brideaux Solicitors).

- > Acting for Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited in a \$200 m plus insurance claim against multiple defendants (instructed by Clayton Utz).
- > Acting for an international commodity trader in proceedings to enforce a \$30 m arbitral award issued under LCIA rules (instructed by Clayton Utz).
- > Acting for the State of Western Australia in proceedings to resist the enforcement of an arbitral award by Mineralogy Pty Ltd and International Minerals Pty Ltd (judgment available here) (instructed by Clayton Utz).
- > Acting for an international mining company in relation to foreign arbitral proceedings involving multiple claims totalling over \$4 bn (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).
- > Acting for Telstra in proceedings in the Queensland Supreme Court (judgment available here) (instructed by King & Wood Mallesons).
- > Acting for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency in regulatory proceedings concerning a health practitioner (judgments available here and here) (instructed by Minter Ellison).
- > Acting for shareholders in a class action against Ardent Leisure in the Federal Court (judgment available here) (instructed by Piper Alderman).
- > Briefed in a class action in the Federal Court of Australia against electricity generators for alleged contravention of s 46 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*(Cth) (instructed by Piper Alderman).
- > Acting for Scentre Group in relation to COVID-related insolvency proceedings concerning a retail tenant (judgment available here) (instructed by Holding Redlich).

## APPELLATE

- > *Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited v Murphy Operator Pty Ltd*[2024] QCA 74 May 2024. Acting (led by R Lancaster SC) for Gladstone Ports Corporation in defence of a class action concerning the construction of large-scale port infrastructure (instructed by King & Wood Mallesons).
- > *N Pty Ltd & A Pty Ltd*[2021] FamCAFC 134. Acting (unled) for the successful respondent in an appeal concerning oppression proceedings under ss 232 and 233 of the *Corporations Act 2001*(Cth) (instructed by Bridge Brideaux Solicitors).
- > *Greystone Distributions (Qld & NSW) Pty Ltd & Ors v Rostron Carlyle Solicitors & Ors*[2020] QCA 126. Acting (unled) for the successful respondent in an action seeking joinder to a trial involving claims for lost opportunity arising out of allegations of misleading or deceptive conduct, and breach of contract (instructed by DLA Piper).
- > *Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd v Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal Pty Limited; Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal Pty Limited v Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd*[2019] QCA 12. Acting (led by D Kelly KC) in relation to an appeal concerning delay claims arising out of the construction for a coal export terminal (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).
- > *Makings Custodian Pty Ltd v Orchid Avenue Realty Pty Ltd*[2018] QCA 33. Acting (led by P Roney KC) for the

successful purchaser of a shopping centre on the Gold Coast in a claim for misleading or deceptive conduct (instructed by Ramsden Law).

> Comgroup Supplies Pty Ltd v Products for Industry Pty Ltd & Anor [2016] QCA 88. Acting for a corporate appellant in relation to recovery of funds dissipated due to an employee's fraud (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).

> Sandhurst Trustees Limited v Clarke [2015] FCAFC 21; (2015) 321 ALR 1. Acting for a subsidiary of Bendigo and Adelaide Bank in relation to an appeal from a decision granting preliminary discovery under r 7.23 of the Federal Court Rules 2011 (instructed by in-house counsel).

## ARBITRATION

> *Mineralogy Pty Ltd & Anor v The State of Western Australia* [2020] QSC 344. Acting (led by S Doyle KC) for the State of Western Australia in relation to setting aside an order obtained *ex parte* purporting to enforce an arbitral award (instructed by Clayton Utz).

> Acting in an international arbitration seated in London under the LCIA rules concerning a \$150 m claim under a commodities contract (instructed by Winter Scott LLP).

> Acting for one of Australia's largest engineering and infrastructure companies in relation to a AUD 200 m domestic arbitration under the ACICA Rules (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).

> Acting for a national energy and resources company in relation to various ICC arbitrations concerning large-scale mining projects (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

> *Porteous v Pharmacy Board of Australia* [2021] QCAT 286; *Porteous v Pharmacy Board of Australia (No. 2)* [2021] QCAT 390. Acting for the Pharmacy Board of Australia in relation to an application to review the suspension of a pharmacist under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Queensland)* (instructed by Minter Ellison).

> *Carmody v Information Commissioner* [2018] QCATA 14. Acting (led by S Doyle KC) in a series of cases concerning access to judicial documents under the Right to Information Act 2009 (Qld) (instructed by King & Wood Mallesons).

> *SMM Solomon & Others v Axiom KB Limited & Others* [2016] SBCA 1. Acting (led by G Gibson KC) for a large international mining company in relation to judicial review proceedings in the Solomon Islands (instructed by Ashurst).

> Acting (led by G Gibson KC) for one of Australia's largest rail freight operators in relation to judicial review proceedings (instructed by King & Wood Mallesons).

> Advising (led by S Doyle KC) a multinational mining entity on the impact of proposed legislative changes on Queensland mining operations (instructed by Herbert Smith Freehills).

## BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

> *Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd v Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal Pty Limited; Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal Pty Limited v Civil Mining & Construction Pty Ltd [2019] QCA 12 Acting (led by D Kelly KC) in relation to an appeal concerning delay claims arising out of the construction for a coal export terminal (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).*

> *Prime Constructions (Qld) Pty Ltd v HPS (Qld) Pty Ltd & Ors [2019] QSC 301. Acting (led by B O'Donnell KC) for the successful respondent resisting a challenge to an adjudicator's decision under the Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017 (Qld) (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).*

> *Sunshine Coast Regional Council v Earthpro Pty Ltd [2015] QSC 168 Acting for the principal in an application to set aside an adjudicator's award under the Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004 (Qld) (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).*

> Acting (led by D Miller SC) in relation to claims in the New South Wales Supreme Court arising out of the construction of mining-related infrastructure (instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth).

## **CLASS ACTIONS**

> *Ingram as trustee for the Ingram Superannuation Fund v Ardent Leisure Limited (Settlement Approval)[2024] FCA 836. Acting (led by W Edwards KC) for the shareholders in a class action against Ardent Leisure Limited (instructed by Piper Alderman).*

> *Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited v Murphy Operator Pty Ltd [2024] QCA 74 May 2024. Acting (led by R Lancaster SC) for Gladstone Ports Corporation in defence of a class action concerning the construction of large-scale port infrastructure (instructed by King & Wood Mallesons).*

> *Murphy Operator & Ors v Gladstone Ports Corporation (No 9)[2023] QSC 35 March 2023. Acting (led by D Clothier KC) for Gladstone Ports Corporation in defence of a class action concerning the construction of large-scale port infrastructure (instructed by King & Wood Mallesons).*

> *Ingram as trustee for the Ingram Superannuation Fund v Ardent Leisure Limited (No 2)[2020] FCA 1390. Acting (led by W Edwards KC) for the shareholders in a class action against Ardent Leisure Limited (instructed by Piper Alderman).*

> *Ingram as trustee for the Ingram Superannuation Fund v Ardent Leisure Limited [2020] FCA 1302. Acting (led by W Edwards KC) for the shareholders in a class action against Ardent Leisure Limited (instructed by Piper Alderman).*

## **CORPORATIONS / GENERAL COMMERCIAL**

> *Brisbane Airport Corporation Pty Ltd v Airservices Australia [2026] QSC (11343/17). Acting (led by S Couper KC) for Airservices Australia in defending a ~\$600m claim arising from PFAS contamination at Brisbane Airport.*

> *CHR Vermont Pty Ltd v Lake Vermont Resources Pty Ltd & Others [2026] QSC (521/26). Acting (led by D Clothier KC) for the majority owner of a large mining development in a dispute with other joint venturers regarding confidentiality obligations.*

> *A Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Storrer Family Trust & N Pty Ltd [2023] FedCFamC1F 1124. Acting (led by M Hodge KC) for a minority shareholder in oppression proceedings under ss 232 and 233 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)*

(instructed by Bridge Brideaux Solicitors).

> *N Pty Ltd & A Pty Ltd [2021] FamCAFC 134*. Acting (unled) for the successful respondent in an appeal concerning oppression proceedings under ss 232 and 233 of the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* (instructed by Bridge Brideaux Solicitors).

> *Giffin v Sensis Pty Ltd & Anor [2020] QSC 357*. Acting (unled) for Telstra in interlocutory proceedings concerning a contractual dispute (instructed by King & Wood Mallesons).

> *Mio Art Pty Ltd v Mango Boulevard Pty Ltd [2018] QSC 31*. Acting for a corporate defendant in resisting an application for security for costs.

> *Makings Custodian Pty Ltd v CBRE (C) Pty Ltd [2017] QSC 80*. Acting (led by P Roney KC) for the successful plaintiff in a claim for misleading or deceptive conduct under the Australian Consumer Law (instructed by Ramsden Law).

> *LPD Holdings (Aust) Pty Ltd v Russells [2017] QSC 45*. Acting (led by P McQuade KC) for a law firm in relation to an application for summary judgment (instructed by Russells).

> *Equititrust Ltd (in Liq)(Receiver Appointed)(Receivers and Managers Appointed) v Equititrust Ltd (in Liq) (No 3) [2016] FCA 738*. Acting (led by P McQuade KC) for a former director in relation to claims of legal professional privilege (instructed by James Conomos Lawyers).

> Acting (led by P McQuade KC) for a former company director in a AUD 150 m claim brought by a responsible entity of a managed investment scheme under Chapter 5C of the *Corporations Act 2001(Cth)* (instructed by James Conomos Lawyers).

> Advising (led by A Boe) a former company director in relation to potential criminal liability under the *Corporations Act 2001(Cth)* arising from a failed commercial transaction.

> Advising a corporate shareholder in oppression proceedings under ss 232 and 233 of the *Corporations Act 2001(Cth)* (instructed by Thomson Geer).

> Acting (led by M Trim) for a director in a shareholder dispute concerning control of a start-up enterprise (instructed by Mullins Law).

> Acting (led by S Doyle KC) for a Swiss company against the State of Queensland in a contractual dispute concerning the manufacture and development of intellectual property worth over AUD 200 m (instructed by Jones Day).

## **INSOLVENCY**

> *Jahani, in the matter of Miniso Master Franchisee Pty Ltd (Administrators Appointed) [2020] FCA 1066*. Acting (unled) for Scentre Group in an application under ss 443A and 443B of the *Corporations Act 2001(Cth)* by the administrators of Miniso Master Franchisee Pty Ltd (instructed by Holding Redlich).

> *Graham & Linda Huddy Nominees Pty Ltd v Byrne* [2017] FCA 1683. Acting (unled) in relation to an application for leave to proceed against a bankrupt under s 58(3)(b) of the *Bankruptcy Act 1966* (instructed by James Conomos Lawyers).

> *Rivercity Motorway Management Ltd (in Liquidation) (No.2)* [2016] FCA 708. Acting in an application under ss 477(2B) and 511 of the *Corporations Act 2001*(Cth) for liquidators to enter into a Settlement Deed compromising substantial litigation (instructed by JWS).

> Acting (unled) in an application in the Queensland Supreme Court for the issue of a summons to attend a public examination under Part 5.9 of the *Corporations Act 2001*(Cth) (instructed by Baker McKenzie).

> Acting (led by S Doyle KC) for the liquidators of Forge Group Power in relation to a construction dispute with Siemens Limited (instructed by Norton Rose).

> Advising (led by S Doyle KC) in relation to a Deed of Company Arrangement concerning a AUD 600 million supply agreement for a large-scale infrastructure project (instructed by Ashurst).

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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### **Australian Financial Review *Best Lawyers***

2022-27 – Construction/Infrastructure Law

### **Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession**

2025-26 – Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Junior Counsel (QLD)

2023 – Leading Construction & Infrastructure Junior Counsel (QLD)

## APPOINTMENTS

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**2025** Deputy Chair – Taxation Law Committee

**2019** Bar Council (Council Member)

**2014** New Bar Committee – Bar Association of Queensland

## MEMBER

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Society of Construction Law (Australia)

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Associate member

Selden Society

Bar Association of Queensland

## CAREER

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**2014** Barrister, Queensland

**2013** Lawyer, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

**2011** Legal Advisor (Australian Qualified), Linklaters LLP, London

**2010** Associate to Chief Justice Keane, Federal Court of Australia

**2008** Paralegal, Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Brisbane

## EDUCATION

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**2023** University of Sydney, MTax

**2013** University of Oxford, Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction)

**2010** University of Queensland, Bachelor of Economics (Hons I)

**2010** University of Queensland, Bachelor of Laws (Hons I)

## AWARDS

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**2024** George and Matilda Harris Scholarship Prize for the Master of Taxation

**2010** University of Queensland Law School Valedictorian

**2010** University of Queensland Economics University Medallist

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Book Review - The Australian Class Action, A 30-Year Perspective**

October 2023, Class Actions

**Strategies for Persuasive Expert Evidence**

December 2019, Building & Construction

**Trouble in Paradise: Protecting Privilege After Glencore**

October 2019, Commercial Equity, Judicial Review & Administrative

**Originating process, pleadings and amendment: Queensland**

April 2019, Banking, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Employment & Industrial, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation, Planning & Environment, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Succession

**Public Examinations under the Bankruptcy Act and Corporations Act: A Practical Overview**

June 2016, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

**Trustees' Duties and Liabilities**

September 2015, Commercial Equity

**Challenging Arbitral Awards: Are Arbitrations Truly Final?**

May 2015, Arbitration

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