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**YEAR OF CALL: 2015**



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Within her commercial law practice, Kristi has extensive experience in all facets of insurance law – including professional negligence, financial lines and personal injury claims – and is recommended by *Doyle's Guide* and Australian Financial Review's *Best Lawyers®* in this field. Prior to being called to the bar, Kristi practised as a solicitor for a number of years and acted for local and international insurers handling professional indemnity, D & O, financial lines, personal injury, workers' compensation and life insurance claims and also advising insurers on issues of policy interpretation and indemnity. Since being called to the Bar, Kristi has gained extensive experience acting for both plaintiffs and institutions in historical child abuse claims.

Kristi is also well-versed in assisting clients in matters concerning employment law, defamation matters and she acts for defendants in work health and safety prosecutions across various industries and represents interested parties in coronial inquests. She is regularly instructed in appeals involving the Workers' Compensation Regulator, including appearing on behalf of the Workers' Compensation Regulator and also the State of Queensland.

Appearing led and unled in state and federal courts, tribunals and coronial inquests, Kristi is known for being diligent, approachable and easy to work with. She is also passionate about facilitating the professional and personal development of people working within the insurance industry, having held the role of Vice President of Women In Insurance (Qld) since 2022'.

Kristi is also a keen proponent of alternative dispute resolution and obtained national accreditation as a mediator in 2025.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Banking, Building & Construction, Class Actions, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Employment & Industrial, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Insurance, Judicial Review & Administrative, Media & Defamation, Planning & Environment, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence.

## CASES

***Lawson v Munns & Insurance Commission of Western Australia*** **[2026] QDC 52**
May 2026, Insurance

***Nam v Civil Aviation Safety Authority*** **[2026] FCA 72**
February 2026, Judicial Review & Administrative

***WorkCover Queensland v Electricity Assets Ministerial Holding Corporation*** **[2025] QSC 223**
November 2025, Insurance

***Ryan v Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service*** **[2025] QSC 181**
August 2025, Professional Negligence

***Amber Aero Engineering (Australia) Pty Ltd v Civil Aviation Safety Authority*** **[2025] 2024/3389**
June 2025, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Nam v Chief Executive Officer, Civil Aviation Safety Authority*** **[2025] 2024/5182**
May 2025, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Springfree Trampoline Australia Pty Ltd v Forostenko*** **[2024] QCA 255**
December 2024, Appellate, Insurance

***Geoffrey Brian Barker; Chad Allan Nowak v Mark Lewis, Scott Duffy, Warrick Hickson, Jonathan Hanton, Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Uas Pacific Pty Ltd*** **[2024] FWC 1668**
June 2024, Employment & Industrial

***Geoffrey Brian Barker; Chad Allan Nowak v Mark Lewis, Scott Duffy, Warrick Hickson, Jonathan Hanton, Civil Aviation Safety Authority*** **[2024] FWC 1580**
June 2024, Employment & Industrial

***Inquest into the suspected death of Tina Louise Greer***
December 2023, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Chad Allan Nowak v Scott Duffy, Mark Lewis, Civil Aviation Safety Authority, UAS Pacific*** **[2023] FWC 2576**
October 2023, Employment & Industrial

***Plant v Workers' Compensation Regulator*** **[2022] QIRC 169**
May 2022, Judicial Review & Administrative

***DJ Fry Pty Ltd v Permanent Mortgages Pty Ltd*** **[2022] QCA 80**
May 2022, Corporations, Contract

***Mateo v Workers' Compensation Regulator*** **[2022] QIRC 150**
May 2022, Insurance

***Guilfoyle v Kouzoukas*** **[2022] QDC 8**
January 2022, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***DJ Fry Developments Pty Ltd v Permanent Mortgages Pty Limited & Anor*** **[2021] QSC 350**
November 2021, Contract

***McNamara v Era Pacific Pty Ltd*** **[2021] FCCA 1689**
July 2021, Employment & Industrial

***The Work Health and Safety Prosecutor v Kouzoukas*** **[2021] Mag 70386/20(8)**
June 2021, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***The Trust Company Limited v Valuer-General; El Camino Priority I Pty Ltd v Valuer-General; Body Corporate for "Admiralty Quays" CTS 24592 v Valuer-General*** **[2020] QLC 38**
November 2020, Land Law & Property

***King v Comiskey Management Services Pty Ltd & Anor*** **[2020] QCA 229**
October 2020, Media & Defamation

***Valuers Registration Board of Queensland v Neil Patrick Murphy*** **[2020] QCATA 138**
September 2020, Land Law & Property

***Botha v George Weston Foods Limited trading as Tip Top Bakeries (Chullora) (No.2)*** **[2020] FCCA 476**
March 2020, Employment & Industrial

***Steele & Anor v John Holland Group Pty Ltd*** **[2020] QSC 37**
March 2020, Insurance

***Botha v George Weston Foods Limited Trading as Tip Top Bakeries (Chullora)*** **[2019] FCCA 3700**
December 2019, Employment & Industrial

***Lake v GBST Holdings Limited*** **[2019] QSC 253**
October 2019, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Employment & Industrial

***Inquest into the Death of Steven Leonard Viner*** **[2019]**
August 2019, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Valuers Registration Board v Murphy*** **[2019] QCAT**
February 2019, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Negligence, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Inquest into the death of Andrew Thwaites***
July 2018, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Crawford v MAS Australasia Pty Ltd*** **[2018] FCCA 850**
April 2018, Contract, Employment & Industrial

***Barns v Commissioner, Queensland Fire & Emergency Services*** **[2017] QCAT**
July 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative

***SDW2 Pty Ltd v JLF Corporation Pty Ltd*** **[2017] QSC 1**
February 2017, Commercial Equity, Contract

## EXPERIENCE

Recent experience as a barrister includes:

- Acting on behalf of insurers and there insureds and also plaintiffs in professional indemnity claims involving industries such as accounting, legal, livestock nutritionists, surveying, engineering;
- Acting on behalf of a group of property owners in land valuation appeals against the Queensland Valuer General;
- Acting on behalf of insurers, their insureds and also plaintiffs in life insurance matters;
- Acting on behalf of insurers and their insureds in various public and product liability claims including claims involving construction sites, mining sites, shopping centres, motor vehicles, boats, amusement rides;
- Acting on behalf of insurers and their insureds in various claims involving motor vehicle accidents;
- Acting on behalf of insurers and their insureds practitioners and health services in various medical negligence claims;
- Acting on behalf of insurers and their insureds in various coronial inquests involving fatalities caused by diving, electrocution and domestic violence;
- Acting on behalf of insurers and their insureds, with Kings Counsel, in proceedings concerning the termination of an employment contract and allegations of conspiracy, reprisal and defamation;
- Acting on behalf of insurers and their insureds in various property damage claims;
- Acting with Kings Counsel in professional disciplinary proceedings before the Valuers Registration Board of Queensland;
- Acting on behalf of employees and employers in various employment related disputes litigated in the Fair Work Commission and Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, including claims of contravention of general protections, underpayment and for stop bullying orders;
- Acting on behalf of the Workers' Compensation Regulator in relation to various workers' compensation disputes; and
- Acting on behalf of insurers, their insureds, defendants and plaintiffs in historic child abuse claims.

Prior to being called to the bar, Kristi practised as a solicitor and acted for local and international insurers handling professional indemnity, D & O, financial lines, personal injury, workers' compensation and life insurance claims and also advising insurers on issues of policy interpretation and indemnity.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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

2026 – Leading Junior Counsel for Professional Indemnity (QLD)

2025 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Professional Indemnity (QLD)

2024 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Professional Indemnity (QLD)

2023 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Professional Indemnity (QLD)

2022 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Professional Indemnity (QLD)

2021 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Professional Indemnity (QLD)

2020 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Professional Indemnity (QLD)

2019 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Insurance (QLD)

**Australian Financial Review's *Best Lawyers*®**

2027 – Listed for Insurance Law, Legal Malpractice Litigation, Medical Negligence and Personal Injury Litigation

2026 – Listed for Insurance Law, Legal Malpractice Litigation, Medical Negligence and Personal Injury Litigation

2025 – Listed for Insurance Law, Legal Malpractice Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation

2024 – Listed for Insurance Law, Legal Malpractice Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation 'Lawyer of the Year'

2023 – Listed for Insurance Law and Personal Injury Litigation

2021-22 – Listed for Insurance Law

## APPOINTMENTS

**2025** Nationally Accredited Mediator

**2023** Vice President, Women in Insurance

## MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

Vice President of Women in Insurance (Qld)

## EDUCATION

**2008** Bachelor of Laws, First Class Honours, Queensland University of Technology.

**2004** Bachelor of Music, Performance, Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Griffith University.

## AWARDS

**2008** Queensland University of Technology Medal.

**2008** Queensland University of Technology Dean's Research Scholar.

**2008** McInnes Wilson Prize for Evidence

## PUBLICATIONS

**Australian Insurance Law Annotated**
September 2024, Insurance

**Settling Up, Not Settling Down - Offers to Settle in Australian Disputes**
December 2022

**The State of Play: Work Health and Safety Prosecutions**
October 2021, Insurance, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

**Rules of Evidence & Affidavit Drafting**
September 2021

**Court Etiquette - Working with the Bar and Persuading the Bench**
April 2021

**Coronial Inquests and the Coroners Act 2003 (Qld)**
September 2020, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

**A Lighthouse in the Fog? Impacts of the New Financial Accountability Regime on Policy Interpretation & Coverage**
April 2020, Insurance

**Impacts of the New Financial Accountability Regime on Policy Interpretation & Coverage**
April 2020, Insurance

**Damages for Loss of Opportunity - The Essentials**
November 2018, Insurance, Contract

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