

KRISTI RIEDEL

YEAR OF CALL: 2015

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 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 and land law, in addition to defamation matters. She acts for defendants in work, health and safety prosecutions across various industries.

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.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

CASES

***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**

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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 a group of investors against a financial services business, its advisers and its insurer;
- 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;
- Acting on behalf of insurers and their insured at the coronial inquest into the death of Andrew Thwaites;

- Acting on behalf of insurers and their insureds, with Queens Counsel, in Supreme Court of Queensland 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 Queens Counsel in professional disciplinary proceedings before the Valuers Registration Board of Queensland;
- Acting on behalf of employees in various employment related disputes litigated in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, including claims of contravention of general protections and underpayment;
- 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.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession

2020 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Professional Indemnity (QLD)

2019 – Recommended Junior Counsel for Insurance (QLD)

Australian Financial Review's *Best Lawyers*®

2021-22 – Listed for Insurance Law

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

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

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

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation