

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 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'.

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

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

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TWENTY
SEVEN

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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 their 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

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*®

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

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

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation