

MATTHEW HICKEY

YEAR OF CALL: 2010

Matthew has considerable trial and appellate experience, especially in high-profile, commercially and reputationally-sensitive matters, across diverse areas of practice.

He is among the “Best Lawyers in Australia” according to the *Australian Financial Review* in 2019 (in three categories) and in 2020 and 2021 (in four categories: commercial law, insolvency & organisation, litigation, and construction & infrastructure law). *Doyle’s Guide to the Australian Legal Profession* recognises him as a leading counsel in commercial litigation & dispute resolution (2018 to 2020 – Qld), insolvency & restructuring (2018 to 2020 – Qld), and building & construction (2016 to 2020 – Qld, 2020 – National).

Matthew has been briefed to appear in all State and Federal Courts (including appeals to the High Court of Australia), in Commissions of Inquiry and inquests, and in large-scale commercial arbitration. He regularly appears without a leader and has experience leading junior counsel in a range of matters.

He has been a board member and director of companies, charitable associations, community groups, and university advisory bodies and worked in a top-tier firm before coming to the bar.

Earlier in his career, Matthew was a professional opera singer. He performed in operas, oratorios and on the international concert stage. Highlights include recording at Abbey Road and Sir George Martin’s Air Studios in London, collaborating with Oscar-winning composer John Barry and Grammy-award winning producer Simon Franglen, and performing at the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the AFL Grand Final.

In 2001, Matthew was awarded the Commonwealth Centenary Medal.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

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CASES

***KDR Gold Coast Pty Ltd v CPB Contractors Pty Ltd*[2020] QSC 303**

October 2020, Contract

***Sochorova v Durairaj & Anor*[2020] QCA 158**

July 2020, Appellate, Insurance, Professional Negligence

***Lonergan v Stilgoe & Ors (No 2)*[2020] QSC 146**

June 2020, Judicial Review & Administrative, Resources & Energy

***Bowman Development Corporation Pty Limited v Young Forever Property Pty Ltd (No 2)*[2020] QDC 77**

May 2020, Contract, Land Law & Property

***Lonergan v Stilgoe & anor*[2020] QSC 86**

April 2020, Judicial Review & Administrative, Resources & Energy

***Smith v Reader* [2020] QSC 48**

March 2020, Professional Negligence

***Lee Anthony Crocker v Queensland Building and Construction Commission*[2020] QSC 24**

March 2020, Building & Construction, Judicial Review & Administrative

Coronial Inquest into four deaths at Dreamworld

February 2020, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Jubilee Christian College Limited v Non-State Schools Accreditation Board*[2020] QCAT 31**

February 2020, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

***Bowman Development Corporation Pty Limited v Young Forever Property Pty Ltd*[2020] QDC 73**

February 2020, Contract, Land Law & Property

Inquest into the death of Maria Aurelia Willersdorf

January 2020, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Professional Negligence

***Sochorova v Durairaj & anor* [2019] QSC 251**

October 2019, Professional Negligence

***Parbery (Liquidator), in the matter of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd (in liquidation)*[2019] FCA 1219**

August 2019, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

***Health Ombudsman v White* [2019] QCAT 36**

May 2019, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Inquest into the death of John Davis

April 2019, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

State of Queensland (Department of Agriculture and Fisheries) v Humane Society International (Australia) Inc [2019] FCA 534

April 2019, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative

Humane Society International (Australia) Inc v Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (Qld)[2019] AATA 617

April 2019, Judicial Review & Administrative, Planning & Environment

Palmer v Parbery & Ors; QNI Metals Pty Ltd & Ors v Parbery & Anor[2019] QCA 27

February 2019, Appellate, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Commercial Equity

Parbery & Ors v QNI Metals Pty Ltd & Ors [2018] QSC 249

November 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Parbery & Ors v QNI Metals & Ors [2018] QSC 245

October 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Inquest into the death of Joshua Ryan Statis

October 2018, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Parbery & Ors v QNI Metals Pty Ltd & Ors [2018] QSC 213

September 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Inquest into the death of Jay Maree Harmer

August 2018, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Kadam v MiiResorts Group 1 Pty Ltd (No 5)(2018) 129 ACSR 74; [2018] FCA 1086

July 2018, Class Actions, Commercial Equity, Corporations, International, Land Law & Property

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service v AT & Anor[2018] QSC 147

July 2018

Chibanda v Chief Executive, Queensland Health & Anor[2018] QSC 128

June 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

The Health Ombudsman v NLM[2018] QCAT 164

June 2018, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Inquest into the death of Zachary Holstein

June 2018, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Parbery v QNI Metals Pty Ltd & Ors [2018] QSC 141

June 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Commercial Equity

Parbery v QNI Metals Pty Ltd & Ors [2018] QSC 121

May 2018, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Commercial Equity

***Parbery v QNI Metals Pty Ltd & Ors* (2018) 358 ALR 88; (2018) 127 ACSR 582; [2018] QSC 107**

May 2018, Commercial Equity, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Contract, Corporations

***Hytch v O'Connell* [2018] QSC 75**

April 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Lock the Gate Alliance Ltd v Chief Executive under the Environmental Protection Act 1994* [2018] QSC 22**

February 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative, Resources & Energy

***Lock the Gate Alliance Ltd v The Minister for Natural Resources and Mines* [2019] 1 Qd R 1**

February 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative, Resources & Energy

***The Thistle Company of Australia Pty Ltd v Bretz* [2018] QCA 6**

February 2018, Professional Negligence, Building & Construction

***Health Ombudsman v Dalziel* [2017] QCAT 442**

December 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Inquest into the death of Rodney Roy Jacobs

November 2017, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Musgrave v The Central and Northern Queensland Regional Parole Board* [2017] QSC 271**

November 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Fulmer v Thompson & Ors (No 2)* [2017] QSC 256**

November 2017, Contract, Corporations

***Inkerman Station Pty Ltd as trustee for the Inkerman Station Trust v Allan & Ors (No 2)* [2017] QSC 243**

October 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property

***Parbery & ors v QNI Metals Pty Ltd & ors* [2017] QSC 231**

October 2017, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

***Palmer v Parbery* [2017] QCA 238**

October 2017, Appellate, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

***Paskins v Hail Creek Coal Pty Ltd* [2018] 2 Qd R 518**

September 2017, Professional Negligence, Insurance

***Kadam v MiiResorts Group 1 Pty Ltd (No 4)* (2017) 252 FCR 298; [2017] FCA 1139**

September 2017, Class Actions, Commercial Equity, Corporations, International, Competition & Consumer

***Kadam v MiiResorts Group 1 Pty Ltd (No 3)* [2017] FCA 1138**

September 2017, Class Actions, Commercial Equity, Corporations, Competition & Consumer, International

***Paskins v Hail Creek Coal Pty Ltd & Anor* [2017] QSC 190**

September 2017, Employment & Industrial

***Inkerman Station Pty Ltd as trustee for the Inkerman Trust v Allen* [2017] QSC 147**

July 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Fulmer v Thompson & Ors* [2017] QSC 119**

June 2017, Contract, Corporations, Competition & Consumer

***Knight v Workers' Compensation Regulator* [2017] QSC 99**

June 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Carrette v Superannuation Complaints Tribunal* [2017] FCA 640**

June 2017, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative, Insurance

Inquest into the death of Leila Michelle Trott

March 2017, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Inquest into the death of ES

February 2017, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Qld Cooper Shale Pty Ltd v Minister for Natural Resources and Mines* [2016] QCA 352**

December 2016, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative, Resources & Energy

***Connor v Queensland Rail Ltd* [2016] QSC 270**

November 2016, Employment & Industrial, Judicial Review & Administrative, Insurance

***Annie Street JV Pty Ltd v MCC Pty Ltd & Ors* [2016] QSC 268**

November 2016, Building & Construction, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Kadam v MiiResorts Group 1 Pty Ltd* [2016] FCA 1205**

October 2016, Class Actions, Corporations, Commercial Equity

Inquest into the death of Mark Anthony Plumb

August 2016, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Trustees of the Property of Morris (Bankrupt) v Morris (Bankrupt)* [2016] FCA 846**

July 2016, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

***Pointon & Ors v Oaks Hotels & Resorts Limited & Ors* [2016] QSC 152**

July 2016, Contract

Inquest into the death of James Patrick Talbot

July 2016, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Robinson Helicopter Company Incorporated v McDermott* (2016) 331 ALR 550; (2016) 90 ALJR 679; [2016] HCA 22**

June 2016, Appellate, Professional Negligence, Competition & Consumer

R v Ban [2016] QCA 41

February 2016, Appellate

Qld Cooper Shale Pty Ltd & Qld Cooper Energy Pty Ltd & Qld Shale Gas Pty Ltd v Minister for Natural Resources and Mines [2015] QSC 360

December 2015, Judicial Review & Administrative, Resources & Energy

Inquest into the death of John Michael Spence

November 2015, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Robinson Helicopter Company Incorporated v McDermott[2015] HCATrans 274

October 2015, Appellate, Professional Negligence, Competition & Consumer

Inquest into the death of a 13 year old girl (P)

October 2015, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Agripower Australia Ltd v Queensland Engineering & Electrical Pty Ltd[2015] QSC 268

September 2015, Building & Construction, Contract, Judicial Review & Administrative

Ban v Loxton (No.2) [2015] QDC 154

June 2015, Appellate

Ban v Loxton (on behalf of Queensland Police Service)[2015] QDC 123

May 2015, Appellate

Inquest into the death of Mark Geoffrey Bayliss

April 2015, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Professional Negligence

Markan v Queensland Police Service [2015] QCA 22

February 2015, Judicial Review & Administrative, Appellate

Dept. of Justice & Attorney-General Offender Debt Recovery Scheme v Richardson[2015] QCATA 8

January 2015, Judicial Review & Administrative, Appellate

York Civil Pty Ltd v BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd[2014] FCA 1422

December 2014, Building & Construction, Resources & Energy, Appellate

McDermott v Robinson Helicopter Company Incorporated[2014] QCA 357

November 2014, Appellate, Professional Negligence, Competition & Consumer

Mowburn Nominees v Palfreyman [2014] QSC 289

November 2014, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Turnbull v State of Queensland* [2014] QCA 240**

September 2014, Judicial Review & Administrative, Appellate

***Caltex Refineries (Qld) Pty Ltd v Allstate Access (Australia) Pty Ltd* [2014] QSC 223**

September 2014, Building & Construction, Judicial Review & Administrative, Contract

***McDermott & Ors v Robinson Helicopter Company (No 2)* [2015] 1 Qd R 295**

August 2014, Professional Negligence, Competition & Consumer

***Department of Education, Training and Employment v HS* [2014] QCAT 387**

July 2014, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Salary Packaging Australia Pty Limited v Andropov* [2014] QSC 167**

July 2014, Commercial Equity, Corporations, Intellectual Property

***McDermott v Robinson Helicopter Company* [2014] QSC 34**

March 2014, Insurance, Professional Negligence, Competition & Consumer

***Forsyth & Ors v Haraba Pty Ltd t/a Brisbane Gateway Resort (No 2)* [2013] QCAT 708**

December 2013, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Contract

***Maycock v Queensland Parole Board* [2015] 1 Qd R 408**

November 2013, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Clampett v Attorney-General of Queensland* [2013] QCA 325**

October 2013, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Re Skyring* [2013] QSC 137**

July 2013, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Kosteska v Magistrate Manthey & Anor* [2013] QCA 105**

May 2013, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative

***DHG v State of Queensland (Represented by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General)* [2015] 2 Qd R 201**

April 2013, Employment & Industrial

***Paroz v Paroz* [2011] HCATrans 205**

August 2011, Appellate, Commercial Equity

***Lockwood v Barnes* [2011] QDC 084**

June 2011, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Triple C Furniture and Electrical Pty Ltd v Rural and General Insurance Ltd* [2011] HCATrans 125**

May 2011, Insurance, Appellate, Professional Negligence

***Heslop v Secretary, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs* [2010] FCA 1345**

November 2010, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Johnson v Triple C Furniture & Electrical P/L* [2012] 2 Qd R 337; (2010) 243 FLR 336; [2010] QCA 282**

October 2010, Insurance, Appellate, Professional Negligence

EXPERIENCE

Matthew's experience includes:

- appearing in a nine-week Commercial List trial against Clive Palmer and his companies, which arose from the collapse of Queensland Nickel, led by Doyle QC and Sullivan QC
- appearing (unled against silk), for the State of Queensland, in a high-profile challenge to the Shark Control Program conducted in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
- appearing (unled) for the family of one of the deceased, in the Coronial Inquest into the deaths of four people on the Thunder River Rapids Ride at Dreamworld
- appearing for Robinson Helicopter Corporation in a successful nine-week trial (led by Newton QC and then Bain QC), on intermediate appeal (led by Bain QC), and on successful appeal to the High Court of Australia (led by Doyle QC).
- appearing (led and alone against silk) for the owners of the Sheraton Mirage Resort, defending a Federal Court class action brought by 46,000 claimants said to be the victims of the world's biggest Ponzi Scheme (the Pearls Investment Fund, India)
- appearing (unled against silk) in a week-long Supreme Court trial, for the plaintiff, in a commercial dispute arising from a share sale agreement
- appearing (unled against silk) in a week-long Supreme Court trial, for the defendant, in a case involving claims of breach of trust and knowing receipt
- appearing (unled against silk) in proceedings for orders in the Supreme Court's *parens patriae* jurisdiction, to authorise the urgent medical treatment of children
- appearing for the Attorney-General (led by E Wilson QC, as her Honour then was) to successfully resist an application to set aside Coronial findings into the disappearance of Bowen schoolgirl, Rachel Antonio
- appearing unled in arbitral proceedings concerning a dispute arising from the construction of major infrastructure projects.
- appearing in arbitral proceedings concerning soft commodities producers, their marketing agent, and complex forward pricing mechanisms (led by Traves QC).

More examples (grouped by category) follow.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

> Appearing for the Queensland Department of Agriculture & Fisheries as the respondent to an environmental group's high-profile challenge to the long-running Shark Control Program in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

> Appearing for the Attorney-General of Queensland, as an intervener, in successfully resisting an application to set aside high-profile Coroner's findings into the disappearance of Bowen schoolgirl Rachel Antonio in 1998.

> Appearing for the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, in a case concerning the proper construction of

the *Land Act*.

> Appearing in and successfully resisting an appeal to the Queensland Court of Appeal (led by the Solicitor-General), on behalf of the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, in a case concerning a decision to refuse exploration permits under the *Mineral Resources Act*.

> Appearing for the Queensland Department of Primary Industries to resist an application for judicial review of a decision to impose quarantine notices on a significant cattle grazing property.

> Appearing for the operator of the John Flynn Private Hospital to resist an urgent mandatory injunction to compel it to reinstate the credentials of a suspended practitioner.

> Appearing for the Premier of Queensland, the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, to respond to and resist summonses to appear as a witness, filed by alleged members of an outlaw motorcycle gang.

APPEALS

> Appearing and successfully resisting an appeal from a decision in the Commercial List of the Supreme Court of Queensland, to grant freezing orders against Clive Palmer and his companies, arising from the liquidation of Queensland Nickel.

> Appearing in a successful appeal to the High Court of Australia (led by Doyle QC) for *Robinson Helicopter Company Incorporated*, the US manufacturer of the R22 helicopter, in defence of a \$70+ million product liability claim (having succeeded at first instance in an 8-week supreme court trial (with Newton QC and, then, Bain QC), and having appeared on appeal (with Bain QC)).

> Appearing (unled against silk) in and successfully resisting an appeal to the Queensland Court of Appeal against a decision to dismiss a claim for professional negligence brought against engineers who had designed and supervised the construction of a service station.

> Appearing in and successfully resisting an appeal to the Queensland Court of Appeal, on behalf of the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, in a case concerning a decision to refuse exploration permits under the *Mineral Resources Act*.

> Appearing in and successfully resisting an appeal to the Queensland Court of Appeal, on behalf of an insurer, in a case concerning a decision to decline cover and the application of s 54 of the *Insurance Contracts Act*.

BANKRUPTCY & INSOLVENCY

> Appearing (with Doyle QC, then Sullivan QC, leading Rae of counsel) for the Special Purpose Liquidators of Queensland Nickel, in proceedings against Clive Palmer and various of his companies, including successfully obtaining freezing orders against them.

> Appearing in the Court of Appeal for the Special Purpose Liquidators of Queensland Nickel, in an appeal brought by Clive Mensink.

> Appearing for Aurizon, in the Federal Court of Australia, in connection with the appointment of special purpose

liquidators to Queensland Nickel.

- > Advising liquidators appointed to a very high-profile insolvent company, in respect of pre-litigation steps.
- > Appearing in the Federal Court of Australia, on behalf of trustees in bankruptcy, in a case concerning entitlements to amounts paid from superannuation funds of which the bankrupt's deceased husband had been a member.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

- > Successfully appeared (unled against silk) in a three-day trial and appeal in a professional negligence claim brought against engineers, concerning the design and supervision of construction of a service station.
- > Acting (unled against silk) in interstate arbitral proceedings concerning the construction of major infrastructure.
- > Acting for the liquidators of a construction company to defend subcontractors' charges proceedings.
- > Acting for *Built Environs WA Pty Ltd* in a \$20m plus claim brought against *Perth Airport Pty Ltd* in the Supreme Court of Western Australia, concerning the expansion of the Perth Airport.
- > Advising joint venturers during steps preliminary to the commencement of arbitration concerning a dispute over the construction of significant public infrastructure.
- > Appearing for a contractor in an arbitration concerning a \$1+ billion dispute over the construction of significant resources infrastructure.
- > Appearing successfully for *Caltex Australia* in a proceeding for review of an adjudication decision under the *Building and Construction Industry Payments Act (Qld)*.
- > Appearing for *Bechtel*, in the Federal Court of Australia, in defending a breach of contract and misleading and deceptive conduct claim arising from the construction of the South Walker Creek coal preparation plant upgrade.
- > Appearing in the Queensland Supreme Court to successfully resist an application for review of an adjudication decision under the *Building and Construction Industry Payments Act (Qld)*.
- > Appearing for an electrical engineer in a proceeding concerning entitlement to payment under the *Building and Construction Industry Payments Act* because of allegations of an unlawful contract.

COMMERCIAL

- > Appearing (unled against silk) for the successful plaintiff in a 5-day trial in the Supreme Court of Queensland, concerning the breach of a share sale agreement, which involved complex forensic accounting experts' evidence.
- > Appearing for *Oaks Hotels & Resorts* in a proceeding against a former executive officer, arising out of alleged breaches of contract and fiduciary duties.
- > Appearing for the owner of the Sheraton Mirage Resort, in defence of a class action brought in the Federal

Court of Australia by 46,000 Indians who said that more than \$9 billion they had invested in an alleged “Ponzi” scheme established in India, had been used to purchase various assets (including the resort).

> Appearing in arbitration for a contractor engaged in the constructions of an LNG pipeline, in a contractual dispute with a plant and equipment subcontractor.

> Appearing for *Seabird Aviation Australia* in proceedings concerning a contractual dispute over intellectual property rights.

> Appearing in arbitration for the growers’ body of a major soft commodity, concerning a contractual dispute over futures trading and soft commodity hedging.

> Advising a mid-tier national law firm in respect of obligations arising as between partners on their merger with an international partnership.

> Appearing in a 5-day trial in the Supreme Court of Queensland for defendants to a breach of fiduciary duty and knowing receipt claim.

COMMISSIONS & INQUESTS

> Appearing in the inquest into the deaths of four people at Dreamworld.

> Appearing for the State of Queensland in the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse*.

> Appearing in and advising a party called before the *Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry*.

> Appearing in and advising a party before the *Queensland Organised Crime Commission of Inquiry*.

> Appearing for parties called before the *Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program*.

> Appearing for an engineer in an inquest into a death related to privacy screens that had become unfixed from a high-rise building during a storm.

> Appearing for The Wesley Hospital, the Bundaberg Friendly Society Private Hospital, the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service, the Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital and another, in inquests into unexpected or complicated deaths.

> Appearing for the Queensland Police Service in an inquest into a death following an aborted police pursuit.

> Appearing for the Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service in an inquest into the death in custody of a prisoner.

> Appearing for the Queensland Ambulance Service in an inquest into the death of a person with a disability.

EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

- > Appearing for entities in proceedings in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission concerning action taken by the Regulator under the *Work Health and Safety Act*.
- > Appearing at trial (unled against Crow QC, as his Honour then was) in a Supreme Court negligence action arising from an industrial accident at the Hail Creek mine, who sought to argue that its employee's employment had been transferred *pro hac vice*.
- > Appearing for the Worker's Compensation Regulator to resist an application for declaratory relief in respect of entitlement to persist with common law rights to sue for damages.
- > Appearing for the State of Queensland, to resist an application to enjoin publication of an unrecorded conviction under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

HEALTH LAW

- > Appearing at trial to successfully defend a medical negligence proceeding brought against a hospital and specialist doctor.
- > Appearing in Supreme Court proceedings for a hospital accused of failing to make a timely cancer diagnosis.
- > Appearing for the Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service on an application to the Supreme Court of Queensland in its *parens patriae* jurisdiction for urgent orders permitting and facilitating medical treatment of a child, to which the child's parents objected on religious and cultural grounds.
- > Appearing for various health services on applications to the Family Court of Australia for orders permitting and facilitating the medical treatment of children experiencing gender dysphoria.
- > Appearing for The Wesley Hospital, the Bundaberg Friendly Society Private Hospital, the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service, the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, and another, in inquests.
- > Acting in various proceedings for doctors and hospitals defending professional negligence allegations.
- > Appearing for the operator of the John Flynn Private Hospital to resist an urgent mandatory injunction to compel it to reinstate the credentials of a suspended practitioner.
- > Appearing for and against the Office of the Health Ombudsman in disciplinary proceedings brought against medical professionals.

INSURANCE

- > Appearing for various underwriters at Lloyds of London in Supreme Court proceedings concerning decisions to decline indemnity under policies of insurance.
- > Advising an aviation insurer in respect of its liability to indemnify under various policies of insurance.

- > Advising a United States-based manufacturer of agricultural equipment in respect of product liability proceedings commenced against them in Queensland.
- > Advising insurers regarding liability to indemnify following major flooding events in Queensland in 2011.

PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

- > Successfully appearing in a Supreme Court trial for a hospital and specialist doctor accused of medical negligence.
- > Acting for an engineer in defence of Supreme Court proceedings regarding allegations of negligent certification of building works.
- > Successfully appeared (unled against silk) in a three-day trial and appeal in a professional negligence claim brought against engineers, concerning the design and supervision of construction of a service station.
- > Appearing for an engineer in an inquest into a death related to privacy screens that had become unfixed from a high-rise building during a storm.
- > Appearing for The Wesley Hospital, the Bundaberg Friendly Society Private Hospital, the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service, the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital and another, in inquests into unexpected or complicated deaths.

PROPERTY

- > Appearing (pro bono) on a successful application for rent review, on behalf of residents of a mobile housing estate.
- > Advising hoteliers in pre-litigation strategy in respect of rent review dispute.
- > Advising a commercial landowner in respect of issues arising from its encroachment over neighbouring property.
- > Advising a commercial landowner in respect of the establishment of a claim for adverse possession.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Australian Financial Review's "Best Lawyers in Australia":

- 2021 – Commercial Law, Construction & Infrastructure Law, Insolvency & Reorganisation Law, Litigation
- 2020 – Commercial Law, Construction & Infrastructure Law, Litigation
- 2019 – Construction & Infrastructure Law

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession – *Leading Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution Barristers:*

- Recommended Junior Counsel (Queensland, 2018, 2019 & 2020)

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession – *Leading Insolvency & Restructuring Barristers*

- Recommended Junior Counsel (Queensland, 2018, 2019 & 2020)

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession – *Leading Construction Barristers:*

- Recommended Junior Counsel (National, 2020)
- Leading Junior Counsel (Queensland, 2020)
- Recommended Junior Counsel (Queensland, 2019)
- Recommended Junior Counsel (Queensland, 2018)
- Leading Junior Counsel (Queensland, 2017)
- Recommended Junior Counsel (Queensland, 2016)

APPOINTMENTS

2019 to Present Member, Australian Bar Association Futures Committee

2018 to Present Member, QUT Law School Advisory Group

2017 to Present Advisory Board, Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University

2016 to 2017 President, St Edmund's College Old Boys Association

2012 to 2018 External Inspector, under the Corrective Services Act 2006 (Qld).

2012 to Present Presenter, Bar Practice Course, Bar Association of Queensland.

2012 to 2017 Mentor to Undergraduate Law Students, QUT Career Mentor Scheme.

2010 to Present Guest Presenter, Practical Legal Training course, QUT

2010 to 2017 Board, Breast and Prostate Cancer Association of Qld.

1998 to 2010 Executive Producer, Artistic Director and Member, The Ten Tenors.

2000 to 2001 Ipswich Arts Foundation, Executive Committee Member

1998 Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University Advisory Council

1998 Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University Standing Committee

1998 Griffith University Student Representative Council - Faculty Representative

MEMBER

Australasian Performing Rights Association (APRA) - Full Writer Member

Australian Bar Association

Australian Insurance Law Association

Bar Association of Queensland

Breast and Prostate Cancer Association of Qld

Medico-Legal Society of Queensland

Society of Construction Law Australia

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) - QUT

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice - QUT

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) - UQ

Master of Music - QUT

AWARDS

2007 ARIA – Platinum DVD – The Ten Tenors, Here's to the Heroes

2006 ARIA – Platinum Record – The Ten Tenors, Tenology

2006 ARIA - Gold Record – The Ten Tenors, Here's to the Heroes

2006 ARIA - Gold DVD – The Ten Tenors, Here's to the Heroes

2006 ARIA - Platinum DVD – The Ten Tenors, Larger Than Life

2005 ARIA – Gold Record – The Ten Tenors, Tenology

2001 Commonwealth Centenary Medal

PUBLICATIONS

In My Court: Magistrate MacKenzie of the Coroners Court

October 2020, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Coronial Inquests and the Coroners Act 2003 (Qld)

September 2020, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Commissions of Inquiries and Coronial Inquests - perspectives from the bench and each side of the Bar Table

July 2020, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Gold Digger: what are your state security of payment recourses?

April 2020, Building & Construction

Fiduciary duties: a mystery or not?

November 2019, Corporations, Commercial Equity

Beyond Googlies & Cricket: India and Australia Trade, Investment, and Successful Dispute Resolution

November 2019, Arbitration, International

Diamond in the Rough: Finding Value In and Maximising Prospects in Disputes Through Mediation

June 2019, Banking, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Employment & Industrial, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy

Medical treatment for children - when do court orders become necessary?

May 2019, Insurance, Professional Negligence

The Happy Lawyer Happy Life Podcast

March 2017

Estoppel in the name of the Law!

July 2016, Building & Construction

Section 54 – Where are you?

October 2011, Insurance

Book Review: Health Law in Australia

February 2011, Professional Negligence

In Defence of Non-payment: Neumann Contractors Pty Ltd v Traspunt No. 5 Pty Ltd [2010] QCA 119
September 2010, Building & Construction

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation