

MATTHEW WILKINSON

YEAR OF CALL: 2016

Matthew has a broad commercial practice, with an emphasis on contract, equity, professional negligence, corporations, defamation, corporate and personal insolvency, administrative law, and property disputes.

His work encompasses advice, drafting and representation for a diverse range of clients, appearing both as sole counsel or as a junior in the Supreme Court of Queensland, District Court of Queensland, Land Court of Queensland, Federal Court, and Magistrates Court of Queensland. He has conducted public examinations under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

Matthew draws on six years' experience working as a solicitor in a busy commercial dispute resolution team in Brisbane, where he focussed on commercial litigation and personal and corporate insolvency matters, prior to being called to the Bar in 2016.

Matthew graduated from the University of Queensland in 2009 with degrees in Arts and Law (First Class Honours).

AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

CASES

***Independent Assessor v Councillor Counduct Tribunal & Anor*[2020] QSC 316**

October 2020, Judicial Review & Administrative

***Irving v Pfingst* [2020] QSC 280**

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

***BWP Management Limited & Anor v Ipswich City Council*[2020] QCA 104**

May 2020, Land Law & Property

***New Emerald Coal Pty Ltd v Manlam Pty Ltd*[2019] QLC 43**

November 2019, Land Law & Property, Resources & Energy

***Ipswich City Council v BWP Management Limited & Anor*[2019] QLAC 1**

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EXPERIENCE

Recent experience as a barrister includes:

- General disputes relating to commercial contracts;
- Acting for plaintiffs in solicitors' professional negligence proceedings in the Supreme Court, led by Queen's Counsel;
- Acting for liquidators in Supreme Court proceedings in a dispute over ownership of heavy machinery;
- Acting in proceedings in the Land Court for compensation for the acquisition of land, led by Queen's Counsel;
- Acting in defamation proceedings in the District Court;
- Acting for voluntary administrators and liquidators in applications made under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth);
- Public examination pursuant to the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth);
- Acting in Supreme Court proceedings for the appointment of receivers over trust assets, led by counsel;
- Acting in Supreme Court proceedings in a dispute involving alleged trespass, led by Queen's Counsel;
- Acting in Supreme Court proceedings involving a leasing dispute and claims of promissory estoppel;
- Assisting in the investigation of, and reporting on, complaints made to the Crime and Corruption Commission, led by Queen's Counsel;
- Acting for a local council in proceedings in the Land Appeal Court and in the Queensland Court of Appeal relating to an appeal of a council's decision about land rating categories, led by Queen's Counsel;
- Acting in judicial review proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia, led by Queen's Counsel;
- Acting for a registered training organisation in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal relating to a review of a decision made under the *National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011* (Qld), led by Queen's Counsel;
- Acting in the Supreme Court proceedings relating to the removal of encroachments under the *Property Law Act 1974* (Qld);
- Acting in District Court proceedings relating to alleged breaches of statutory guarantees and other alleged breaches of the *Australian Consumer Law*;
- Acting in Supreme Court proceedings to set aside statutory demands under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth);
- Providing advice as to "informal wills" under the *Succession Act 1981* (Qld);
- Acting in Supreme Court proceedings relating to allegations of false imprisonment and malicious prosecution, led by Queen's Counsel;
- Acting in Land Court of Queensland relating to the removal of caveats lodged over mining tenements, led by counsel;
- Acting in Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal proceedings relating to allegations of professional misconduct by a building certifier.

As a solicitor, Matthew acted for a broad range of corporate and non-corporate clients, including listed entities in the property, technology, agricultural, and mining and engineering sectors.

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

CAREER

2010-2016 Associate, HopgoodGanim Lawyers, Brisbane

2013-2014 Guest Lecturer, "Civil Procedure", T. C. Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland

EDUCATION

2009 Bachelor of Laws (Hons I), University of Queensland

2009 Bachelor of Arts, University of Queensland

PUBLICATIONS

Notes for a Scandal: is it worthwhile & how to justify what is said in defamation cases

March 2019, Media & Defamation

Companies behaving badly: winding up on grounds other than in insolvency

May 2017, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation