

MEI BARNES

YEAR OF CALL: 2018

Mei accepts briefs in all areas of law, but practices primarily in commercial litigation. Mei has particular experience in construction, competition and property disputes. Mei has appeared as counsel in the Queensland Court of Appeal, State Supreme and District and Courts, and in the Federal Court of Australia.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Mei worked as a solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills, acting for national and international clients on general commercial litigation, construction and employment disputes. Mei also served as the associate to the Hon. Justice Margaret Wilson of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

Mei is admitted to practice in the courts of Australia and New York State.

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Banking, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporations, Employment & Industrial, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Land Law & Property, Resources & Energy.

CASES

B&K Holdings (Qld) Pty Ltd v Garmin Australasia Pty Ltd[2019] FCA 64

February 2019, Competition & Consumer

Garmin Australasia Pty Ltd v B & K Holdings (Qld) Pty Ltd[2018] QCA 353

December 2018, Appellate, Contract

EXPERIENCE

COMPETITION & CONSUMER

- > Advising on commercial disputes in the District Court and Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal.
- > Acting (led by M Martin QC) for a retailer and distributor of fitness products in a claim against an international supplier for alleged contraventions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth).
- > Acting for the ACCC (led by D Kelly QC) in civil penalty proceedings concerning alleged cartel conduct and exclusive dealing.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

- > Appearing on applications under the *Subcontractors' Charges Act*.
- > Advising (as solicitor) on a number of building and construction claims, including the construction of the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal; residential, commercial and retail redevelopments; major regional shopping centres; and underground infrastructure including tunnels and gas pipelines.

LAND LAW & PROPERTY

- > Appearing and advising on residential and commercial property disputes in the Supreme Court of Queensland.
- > Acting (led by D Kelly QC) for a property developer in relation to a major Brisbane property development.
- > Acting (led by C Johnstone) for a leading property investment firm to obtain urgent search and freezing orders in the Queensland Supreme Court.
- > Acting (led by C Klease) for pastoralists in Northern Queensland in connection with a Native Title Claim.

BANKING

- > Acting for banks in relation to disputes over loan agreements.
- > Acting for a leading property investment firm to obtain urgent search and freezing orders in the Queensland Supreme Court.
- > Appearing on bankruptcy matters in the Federal Circuit Court.
- > Advising a large Australian bank in civil penalty proceedings brought by AUSTRAC.

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

EDUCATION

2017 Master of Laws (James Kent Scholar), Columbia University

2013 Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Australian National University

2012 Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), Australian National University

2012 Bachelor of Arts, Australian National University

AWARDS

2017 James Kent Scholar

2017 Parker Certificate for International and Comparative Law

2009-2012 ANU Chancellor's Commendation for Academic Excellence

2011 International Alliance of Research Universities Scholarship – Cambridge University

PUBLICATIONS

Raising the bar for businesses: the ACL's reach in business negotiations and brand protection

October 2018, Competition & Consumer, Corporations, Contract

But can't I just rely on the words in the contract? Recent appellate cases for and against

August 2018, Building & Construction, Contract

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