

OLIVER COOK

YEAR OF CALL: 2021

Ollie's practice spans a range of commercial and regulatory disputes, both in litigation and arbitration.

He draws on his experience as a commercial disputes solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills in Brisbane and Tokyo, where he was involved in many large-scale national and cross-border disputes, including class actions and international arbitrations, across the construction, financial services, insurance and mining sectors. Ollie is familiar with heavy and complex cases, often involving the coordination of large teams of lawyers and experts in various jurisdictions.

Ollie was previously an associate to Justice Peter Flanagan of the Supreme Court of Queensland. He holds a BA/LLB (Hons IIA) from the University of Queensland and an LLM (US Law) from Washington University in St Louis.



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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Building & Construction, Class Actions, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Employment & Industrial, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Insurance, International, Judicial Review & Administrative, Media & Defamation, Resources & Energy.

CASES

Jason Hall t/as JHL Lawyers v Val Eco Homes Pty Ltd (in liq)[2021] QCA 236

November 2021, Contract

EXPERIENCE

Some of Ollie's recent experience as a solicitor includes:

> Acting for an ASX-listed iron ore miner in a business interruption insurance claim, including in a two week online trial in the Federal Court of Australia;

> Acting for an ASX-listed building materials company in a shareholder class action, including in relation to

multiplicity of proceedings and opt-out processes, in the Federal Court of Australia;

> Acting for a global mining company in a CIETAC arbitration seated in Beijing, in relation to the supply of mining equipment;

> Acting for a private equity firm in an ICC arbitration seated in Hong Kong, in relation to a US\$1 billion claim in fraud, negligent misstatement and breach of warranty connected to the sale of an insurance company;

> Advising a construction contractor in relation to complex upstream and downstream contractual disputes relating to a major road infrastructure project;

> Advising a number of ASX-listed entities in relation to regulatory notices and also as part of the Financial Services Royal Commission.

APPOINTMENTS

MEMBER

Bar Association of Queensland

Queensland Young Lawyers

CAREER

2021 Barrister, Queensland

2017-21 Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills (Brisbane)

2016 Associate to Justice Peter Flanagan, Supreme Court of Queensland

EDUCATION

2015 LLM (US Law), Washington University in St Louis

2015 BA/LLB (Hons), University of Queensland

AWARDS

2015 Washington University subject prize, 'Civil Liberties in Cyberspace'

2015 Washington University subject prize, 'Censorship and Free Expression'

2010 University of Queensland Excellence Scholarship

2008 Iwasaki Sangyo Study Bursary

PUBLICATIONS

Docs, eTrials & Practice Directions

November 2021, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Human Rights & Discrimination, Insurance, Native Title & Cultural Heritage, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Succession, Tax

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