ROB ANDERSON KC

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Rob is an experienced and versatile trial and appellate advocate. He provides advice in relation to a wide range of commercial matters, with defamation, insurance and professional negligence, property law, land valuation and compulsory acquisition, and insolvency as areas of particular focus.

His expertise in defamation law and associated areas of media law extends from pre-publication advice to litigation, and includes experience in applications concerning urgent injunctive relief, suppression orders, the operation of the Shield Laws, the implied Constitutional freedom of speech, trials (including before a jury) and appeals. He acts for plaintiffs and defendants (often media defendants) and frequently appears in proceedings in New South Wales and Western Australia, as well as in Queensland.

Further, Rob has acted for sports governing bodies, athletes, clubs and other entities in a wide range of sports related matters, including relating to funding, governance, media concerns, other commercial matters and disciplinary issues.

He has appeared in the High Court and in the trial and appellate divisions of the Federal Court and the Supreme Courts of Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria.

In addition to his busy litigation practice, Rob is an experienced mediator. He has mediated a wide range of commercial disputes.

Rob is an Interstate Member of Francis Burt Chambers in Perth.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation, Planning & Environment, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Sport.

CASES

Stella v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission **[2026] QCAT 454**
October 2026, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Sport

TLAS Pty Ltd as trustee for the TLAS Trust v Arrowes Roading Safety Pty Ltd **[2026] FCA 1356**
September 2026, Competition & Consumer, Contract

Pat Nolan Butchery Pty Ltd & Ors v Department of Transport and Main Roads (No 2) **[2026] QLC 19**
September 2026, Land Law & Property

Bowen Basin Coal Pty Ltd v Queensland Conservation Council Inc & Ors **[2026] QLC 18**
September 2026, Human Rights & Discrimination, Resources & Energy

Pat Nolan Butchery Pty Ltd & Ors v Department of Transport and Main Roads **[2026] QLC 13**
August 2026, Land Law & Property

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v D'Arro (No 2) **[2026] QSC 177**
July 2026, Tax

Garlick v KALX Capital Securities Pty Ltd **[2026] FCA 808**
June 2026, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Judicial Review & Administrative

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v D'Arro **[2026] QSC 109**
June 2026, Tax

Philip Usher Constructions Pty Ltd v Cross River Rail Delivery Authority & Anor **[2026] QLAC 1**
April 2026, Land Law & Property

Moreton Bay Regional Council v Genamson Holdings Pty Ltd [no 2] **[2026] QCA 37**
March 2026, Appellate, Land Law & Property

Moreton Bay Regional Council v Genamson Holdings Pty Ltd **[2026] QCA 23**
February 2026, Land Law & Property

Endresz v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission **[2026] QCA 2**
January 2026, Appellate, Sport

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation, in the matter of Adgemis **[2025] FCA 1218**
October 2025, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Deputy Commissioner of Taxation v Peever (No 3) **[2025] FCA 1187**
September 2025, Commercial Equity, Tax

RAP-172
September 2025, Judicial Review & Administrative

Philip Usher Constructions Pty Ltd v Cross River Rail Delivery Authority & Anor (No 2) **[2025] QLC 24**
September 2025, Land Law & Property

Genamson Holdings Pty Ltd v Moreton Bay Regional Council (No 2) **[2025] QLAC 4**
September 2025, Appellate, Land Law & Property

GPP Arundel Pty Ltd v Basford Pty Ltd (No 2) **[2025] QSC 209**
August 2025, Contract

Genamson Holdings Pty Ltd v Moreton Bay Regional Council **[2025] QLAC 2**
August 2025, Appellate, Land Law & Property

Philip Usher Constructions Pty Ltd v Cross River Rail Delivery Authority & Anor **[2025] QLC 18**
August 2025, Land Law & Property

GPP Arundel Pty Ltd v Basford Pty Ltd **[2025] QSC 165**
July 2025, Contract

MG v PJ **[2025] QCA 99**
June 2025, Appellate, Media & Defamation

Endresz and others v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission and another **[2025] QSC 93**
May 2025

Seafarms Group Limited v McKinnon **[2025] QSC 45**
March 2025, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations

Darling v Daniels **[2025] FCA 81**
February 2025, Media & Defamation

Airphysio Pty Ltd v Harbour Capital Asset Management Pty Ltd **[2024] QCA 173**
September 2024, Building & Construction, Contract

Capital 22 Pty Ltd v Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads; Capital 22 Pty Ltd v Sunshine Coast Regional Council & Anor **[2024] QPEC 35**
August 2024, Appellate, Judicial Review & Administrative, Planning & Environment

Lazos v West Australian Newspapers Ltd **[No 2][2024] WASC 238**
July 2024, Media & Defamation

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission v Endresz; Racing Queensland Board v Endresz [No 2] **[2024] QCA 123**
June 2024

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission v Endresz; Racing Queensland Board v Endresz **[2024] QCA 76**
May 2024, Judicial Review & Administrative

Aurizon Property Pty Ltd v The Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads **[2023] QLAC 1**
December 2023, Appellate, Land Law & Property

Lehrmann v Queensland Police Service & Ors **[2023] QSC 238**
October 2023, Judicial Review & Administrative

Allied Rural Pty Ltd v Stimpson **[2023] QCA 77**
April 2023, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

***Pavlovic & Anor v Karzon* [2023] QCA 37**
March 2023, Media & Defamation

***Tsang v Harle* [2023] QCA 32**
March 2023, Media & Defamation

***Usher v Palmer* [2023] QDC 003**
January 2023, Media & Defamation

***Arch Underwriting at Lloyd's Ltd on behalf of Syndicate 2012 & Ors v EP Financial Services Pty Ltd*[2022] QCA 229**
November 2022, Insurance

***Zelcliff Pty Ltd v Container Exchange (Qld) Ltd* [2022] QSC 239**
October 2022, Contract

***Karzonv Pavlovic & Anor* [2022] QDC 187**
August 2022, Media & Defamation

***Cannon Hill Investments Pty Ltd and Australian Country Choice Production Pty Ltd v Brisbane City Council & Anor; Wilmar Trading (Australia) Pty Ltd v Brisbane City Council & Anor*[2022] QPEC 16**
June 2022, Planning & Environment

***Desbois v Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads; Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads v Desbois* [2022] QLAC 1**
May 2022, Appellate, Land Law & Property

***Surfers Beachfront Protection Association Inc. (IA 39544) v Council of the City of Gold Coast & Anor (No 2)* [2022] QPEC 3**
January 2022, Planning & Environment

***Newcombe v O'Connor & O'Connor* [2022] QDC 19**
January 2022, Media & Defamation

***Desbois v Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads* [2021] QLC 43**
December 2021, Land Law & Property

***Morgan & Griffin Pty Ltd v CB (Qld) Pty Ltd & Anor* [2021] QPEC 70**
December 2021, Planning & Environment

***Mizikovsky v Berkley & Ors* [2021] QSC 294**
November 2021, Media & Defamation

***Surfers Beachfront Protection Association Inc. (IA 39544) v Council of the City of Gold Coast & Anor*[2021] QPEC 73**
November 2021, Planning & Environment

Gavin & Anor v Sunshine Coast Regional Council **[2021] QCA 217**
October 2021, Planning & Environment

Baluskas & Anor v Brose **[2021] QCA 251**
June 2021, Media & Defamation

Traspunt No. 14 Pty Ltd v Moreton Bay Regional Council **[2021] QPEC 4**
March 2021, Planning & Environment

Lee & Ors v Sheen & Anor **[2021] QDC 18**
February 2021, Media & Defamation

Sunshine Coast Regional Council v Gavin & Anor **[2020] QPEC 63**
December 2020, Planning & Environment

Ahrens v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission **[2020] QCAT**
September 2020, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Brisbane City Child Care Pty Ltd v Kadell & Anor **[2020] QCA 181**
September 2020, Contract

F v Crime and Corruption Commission **[2020] QSC 245**
August 2020, Human Rights & Discrimination, Media & Defamation

Brose v Arnold **[2020] QCA 162**
August 2020, Media & Defamation

GM Homes (Australia) Pty Ltd & Anor v Australian Securities and Investments Commission **[2020] QSC 149**
June 2020, Media & Defamation

Brose v Baluskas & Ors (No 8) **[2020] QDC 98**
May 2020, Media & Defamation

Harbour Radio Pty Limited & Ors v Wagner & Ors **[2020] QCA 83**
April 2020, Media & Defamation

Paradise Dam Commission of Inquiry
April 2020, Building & Construction, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Queensland Building and Construction Commission & Ors v Ezra Constructions Pty Ltd & Ors **[2019] QCA 304**
December 2019, Corporations

Mulvey v Brisbane Roar Football Club Pty Ltd **[2019] QDC 239**
November 2019, Employment & Industrial, Contract

Wagner & Ors v Nine Network Australia & Ors **[2019] QSC 301**
November 2019, Media & Defamation

Greystone Distributions (Qld & NSW) Pty Ltd as trustee for BR & SK Maidment Trust & Ors v Rostron Carlyle Solicitors & Anor **[2019] QDC 227**
November 2019, Professional Negligence

Harbour Radio Pty Limited & Ors v Wagner & Ors **[2019] QCA 221**
October 2019, Appellate, Media & Defamation

ISPT Pty Ltd v Valuer-General (No 3) **[2019] QLC 40**
October 2019, Land Law & Property

AB v CD [no 2] **[2019] WASC 301**
August 2019, Media & Defamation

Graham v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission **[2018] QCAT**
July 2019, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Wagner & Ors v Nine Network Australia & Ors **[2019] QSC 61**
March 2019, Media & Defamation

Clarke v Larard **[2018] QDC 247**
December 2018, Media & Defamation

Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd v Sheppard **[2018] QSC 249**
November 2018, Media & Defamation

Jones v Aussie Networks Pty Ltd **[2018] QSC 219**
October 2018, Media & Defamation

Valuer-General v Suncorp Metway Insurance Pty Limited [2018] QLAC 6
September 2018, Appellate

Wagner v Harbour Radio Pty Ltd **[2018] QSC 201**
September 2018, Media & Defamation

Wagner v Harbour Radio Pty Ltd **[2018] QSC 201**
September 2018, Media & Defamation

Scott v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (No 2) **[2018] QCAT 301**
September 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Sport

Palmer v Turnbull **[2018] QCA 112**
June 2018, Media & Defamation

IW & CA Price Constructions Pty Ltd v Australian Building Insurance Services Pty Ltd & Anor **[2018] QCA 76**
April 2018, Contract, Appellate

Springsure Creek Coal Pty Ltd v Arcturus Downs Ltd **[2018] QLC 8**
April 2018, Land Law & Property, Resources & Energy

ISPT Pty Ltd v Valuer-General; ISPT Custodians Pty Ltd v Valuer-General **[2018] QLC 6**
March 2018, Land Law & Property

IW & CA Price Constructions Pty Ltd v Australian Building Insurance Services Pty Ltd **[2017] QCA 313**
December 2017, Appellate, Contract

Wagner v Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd **[2017] QCA 261**
November 2017, Media & Defamation

Wagner v Harbour Radio Pty Ltd **[2017] QSC 222**
October 2017, Media & Defamation

Suncorp Metway Insurance Pty Ltd v Valuer-General (No.2) **[2017] QLC 46**
August 2017, Land Law & Property

Cleret v Sunshine Coast Regional Council **[2017] QCA 163**
August 2017, Appellate, Land Law & Property, Professional Negligence

Hooper v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission **[2017] QCAT**
July 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Sport

Rogers-Falk v Gurney **[2017] QDC 131**
May 2017, Commercial Equity, Land Law & Property

Hooks Enterprises Pty Ltd v Sonnenberg Pty Ltd **[2017] QSC 69**
May 2017, Contract, Competition & Consumer

Nationwide News Pty Ltd v Weatherup **[2017] QCA 70**
April 2017, Media & Defamation

Graham v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission **[2017] QCAT**
April 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Sport

SEQ Homemaker 1 Pty Ltd v SPAR Corporate Pty Ltd **[2017] QDC 46**
March 2017, Contract, Land Law & Property

SDW2 Pty Ltd v JLF Corporation Pty Ltd **[2017] QSC 1**
February 2017, Commercial Equity, Contract

Smith v Lucht **[2016] QCA 267**
October 2016, Appellate, Media & Defamation

Cleret v Sunshine Coast Regional Council **[2016] QSC 208**
September 2016, Land Law & Property, Competition & Consumer

Wagner v Nine Network Australia **[2016] QSC 198**
September 2016, Media & Defamation

Jannard v Dalituicama **[2016] QDC 216**
August 2016, Media & Defamation

Baboolal v Fairfax Digital Australia and New Zealand Pty Ltd **[2016] QSC 175**
August 2016, Media & Defamation

Dupois v Queensland Television Ltd **[2016] QCA 182**
June 2016, Appellate, Media & Defamation

Tonge v Living Gems Pty Ltd **[2016] QSC 102**
May 2016, Contract, Land Law & Property

Wagner v Nine Network Australia **[2016] QSC 87**
April 2016, Media & Defamation

Davan Developments Pty Ltd v HLB Mann Judd (SE Qld) Pty Ltd **[2016] QCA 90**
April 2016, Commercial Equity, Contract, Land Law & Property, Professional Negligence, Tax

Bestjet Travel Pty Ltd v The Australian Federation of Travel Agents **[2016] QSC 81**
April 2016, Contract, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer

Giani v Queensland Television Ltd **[2015] QDC 286**
November 2015, Media & Defamation

Beynon v Manthey **[2015] QDC 252**
September 2015, Media & Defamation

Cupo v Anderssen Lawyers **[2015] QSC 202**
August 2015, Professional Negligence

Devery's Pharmacy Services Pty Ltd t/a Westcourt Plaza Pharmacy v Direct Factory Outlets Cairns Pty Ltd **[2015] QCAT 275**
July 2015, Land Law & Property

Ligon Sixty-Three Pty Ltd v ClarkeKann **[2015] QSC 153**
June 2015, Land Law & Property

Williams v Queensland Building and Construction Commission **[2015] QCAT 42**
February 2015, Building & Construction

Endocoal Limited v Glencore Coal Queensland Pty Ltd and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection **[2014] QLC 54**
December 2014, Planning & Environment, Resources & Energy

Pacific Seaboard Transport and Finance Corporation Pty Ltd v Thynne **[2014] QSC 294**
December 2014, Contract

Queensland Building and Construction Commission v Arthurs **[2014] QCA 307**
November 2014, Building & Construction, Appellate

Queensland Building and Construction Commission v Watkins **[2014] QCA 172**
July 2014, Building & Construction, Appellate

Rayney v Pan MacMillan Australia Pty Ltd **[2014] WASC 129**
April 2014, Media & Defamation

Bunnings Group Ltd v Asden Developments Pty Ltd & Ors **[2013] QCA 347**
November 2013, Land Law & Property, Appellate

Modi and Clements v SDW Projects Pty Ltd and Ors **[2013] QCA 221**
August 2013, Land Law & Property, Professional Negligence, Appellate

Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd v Hancock **[2013] WASC 290**
August 2013, Media & Defamation

Cornerstone Properties Pty Ltd v Crisp-Air Ltd **[2013] QDC 147**
July 2013, Land Law & Property

Roberts v Prendergast [2013] **QCA 47**
March 2013, Media & Defamation, Appellate

Putland v Nowak **[2012] QCA 121**
May 2012, Media & Defamation, Appellate

Stewart v White **(2011) 284 ALR 432*;*** **[2011] QCA 291**
October 2011, Professional Negligence, Appellate

Mullins v Kelly-Corbett **[2010] QCA 354 (Special leave refused) [2011] HCATrans 123**
May 2011, Contract

Donovan v TIC Realty Pty Ltd **[2011] QCA 90**
May 2011, Contract, Appellate

Ross v Hallam **[2011] QCA 92**
May 2011, Media & Defamation, Appellate

Nationwide News Pty Ltd v A Medical Practitioner **[2011] WASCA 152**
February 2011, Media & Defamation, Appellate

Pingel v Toowoomba Newspapers Pty Ltd **[2010] QCA 175**
July 2010, Appellate, Media & Defamation

***ING Management Limited (as responsible entity) v Department of Natural Resources and Water* [2009] QLC 0094**
July 2009, Land Law & Property

***GPT RE Limited (as responsible entity) and Anor v Department of Natural Resources and Water* [2009] QLC 78**
June 2009, Land Law & Property

***Keramianakis v Regional Publishers Pty Ltd* (2009) 237 CLR 268**
April 2009, Media & Defamation

***RJ Neller Building Pty Ltd v Ainsworth* [2009] 1 Qd R 390**
December 2008, Building & Construction, Contract

***Equine Influenza Inquiry* 2007/2008**
April 2008, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

***Erglis v Buckley* [2006] 2 Qd R 407**
November 2005, Media & Defamation

***Favell v Queensland Newspapers* (2005) 79 ALJR 1716**
September 2005, Media & Defamation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Australian Financial Review's Best Lawyers

- 2027 – Listed as Brisbane's Defamation & Media 'Lawyer of the Year'
- 2027 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.
- 2026 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.
- 2025 – Brisbane's 'Lawyer of the Year' for Defamation and Media Law.
- 2025 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.
- 2024 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.
- 2023 – Listed as Brisbane's Defamation & Media 'Lawyer of the Year'.
- 2023 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.
- 2019 & 2022 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession

- 2026 – Recommended as a leading Australian Defamation barrister and Queensland recommended Professional Indemnity Barrister.
- 2022 & 2025-26 – Recommended as a leading Queensland Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution barrister.
- 2021 – Recommended as a leading Australian IP & TMT barrister.
- 2020 – Recommended as a leading Australian IP & TMT barrister.
- 2020 – Recommended as a leading Queensland Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution barrister.
- 2019 – Recommended as a leading Queensland Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution barrister.

- 2018 – Recommended as a leading Australian IP & TMT barrister.
- 2018 – Recommended as a leading Queensland IP & TMT barrister.
- 2017 – Recommended as a leading Queensland IP & TMT barrister.

Legal 500

- 2026 – Listed as Leading Silk for TMT and IP *"'He is calm, intelligent and has a common sense approach".*
- 2025 – Listed as Leading Silk for TMT and IP *"Rob is the silk of choice in Queensland. Truly at the top of his game, his judgment is exceptional as too his court craft and rapport with the bench. He cannot be recommended highly enough".*
- 2024
- 2023 – "*…a calm and deeply considered advocate, who goes about his craft in a disarming, effective and efficient way*".
- 2022 – Listed as a Leading Silk for TMT and IP.

APPOINTMENTS

2021 Law Council of Australia Defamation Group - Chair

MEMBER

Member, Bar Association of Queensland

Member, Bar Association of New South Wales

CAREER

2024 - present Member of the Bar Council

2015 Queen's Counsel

2007 Counsel Assisting the Commonwealth Government Inquiry into Equine Influenza

2001 Member of the Bar Council

1999 Barrister

1998 Associate to his Honour Justice Callinan

EDUCATION

LLB

B.Sc (Arch)

AWARDS

1999 James Archibald Douglas Prize for Best Reader, Bar Practice Course

PUBLICATIONS

Defamation Law Reigned In? Defamation Overview & Key Considerations for the Insurance Industry
June 2021, Insurance, Media & Defamation

Pressing Issues in Valuation and Compulsory Acquisition
March 2021, Planning & Environment

Damages in unusual circumstances: special loss arising from a defamation, damages for disappointment and distress and the (un)availability of loss of dependency damages for statutory claims
August 2020, Contract

Contracts & Coronavirus: Pathology & Prognosis of Frustration and Force Majeure Claims on Sporting and Cultural Events
April 2020, Contract

Notes for a Scandal: is it worthwhile & how to justify what is said in defamation cases
March 2019, Media & Defamation

All cards face up: practical and ethical considerations when applying for ex parte relief
February 2019, Banking, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Employment & Industrial, Insurance, Intellectual Property, International, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation, Planning & Environment, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Succession

The Fortune Cookie: chasing ambulances in the digital age
November 2018, Insurance

The Fortune Cookie: chasing ambulances in the digital age
November 2018, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporations, Media & Defamation

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