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INTRODUCTION

Hugh is a highly qualified and experienced Litigation & Dispute Resolution lawyer and mediator having practised as a partner in leading Australian law firms for over 25 years and at the Queensland Bar for 16 years.

He has extensive expertise in matters involving banking and finance, insolvency, insurance, media, mergers and acquisitions, mining disputes, trade practices and large-scale disputes and litigation of significance to clients with numerous documents and witnesses.

EXPERTISE

Clients value his ability to take the commercial and strategic objectives in a dispute and fashion solutions designed to achieve those objectives in a timely and cost-effective manner including successfully resolving matters by negotiation, mediation or other dispute resolution processes.

Hugh's clients have included:

- listed and unlisted public companies;
- aviation regulators, operators and airports;
- government departments and local government;
- statutory bodies;
- accountants and banks; and
- port authorities and ship owners and insurers.

EXPERIENCE

Administrative Law

Acting for Commonwealth and State departments and statutory bodies, municipalities and universities advising on administrative decisions and schemes, statutory discretions and interpretation, construction of enabling powers, procedural fairness, freedom of information and internal review of decisions and in relation to proceedings in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, Human Rights Commission and appeals to Federal and State courts.

Aviation

Acting for aviation regulators, airport owners and operators and airline operators in relation to disputes arising out of contracts, instruments and other commercial documents, statutory interpretation, directors' duties, securities, insolvency and prosecuting and defending proceedings in State and Federal courts and before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

“ Identifying the underlying commercial strategy in a dispute allows me to utilise the strategy which will achieve the best outcome for the client in a timely and cost-effective manner. ”



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Banking and Finance

Acting for accountants, banks and companies advising on commercial contracts and securities, insolvency and asset tracing, appearing before royal commissions and inquiries and prosecuting and defending proceedings in respect of commercial contracts and securities and priority claims.

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Acting for accountants, airlines, an airport operator, aviation regulators, banks and other financial institutions, mining companies, publicly listed and private companies, local government, statutory bodies, a television station and universities in relation to loan recovery, guarantee enforcement, mortgage repossession, Mareva injunctions (a court order freezing a debtor's assets to prevent them being taken overseas), caveat removal and mergers and acquisitions, appearing at examinations and investigations by ASIC and the ACCC involving large numbers of documents, conducting examinations and inquiries and prosecuting and defending insurance and professional negligence claims, claims by employees, media claims and contractual and trade practices disputes.

Workplace Health and Safety

Acting for publicly listed and other companies providing advice and assistance with investigations, enforcement and the defence of prosecutions and other work health and safety litigation and advising on compliance with Federal and State workplace health and safety laws.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Practicing law since 1980
- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Melbourne
- Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australian Capital Territory and High Court of Australia
- Barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland (2003 - 2019)
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland (2019 to date)
- Accredited Mediator
- Barrister, Solicitor and Proctor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia

MEMBERSHIPS & HONORARY AWARDS

- Commander, Royal Australian Navy
- Former Director, LEADR
- Former Director, ACT for Kids
- Former Honorary Solicitor, Royal Yacht Club of Victoria
- Former Member, Dental Board of Queensland
- Queensland Law Society
- Reserve Force Decoration
- Former Honorary Solicitor, Royal Flying Doctor Service (VIC)
- Former Director, Institute of Marine Sciences
- Former Director, ACT Enterprises Pty Ltd
- Former Director, Kids First Foundation Ltd
- Former Honorary Solicitor and Director, Technical Aid to the Disabled Inc
- Former Vice President and Director, Queensland Public Interest Law Clearing House Inc (QPILCH) (now LawRight)

