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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate (Criminal)

Criminal Law

Statutory Offences

Disciplinary Proceedings

Inquests/Inquiries

EDUCATION

- LLB (Hons) QIT

CAREER HISTORY

Michael Copley has practised at the Private Bar since July 2011. Prior to that, he had been a Crown Prosecutor with the Queensland Director of Public Prosecution's office since January 1992.

Mr Copley was appointed Senior Counsel in 2008. In 2013 that designation was changed to Queen's Counsel.

Mr Copley largely practises in the area of criminal law, in appeals and trials. He has conducted numerous appeals in the Court of Appeal and in the High Court. He was counsel assisting the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry.

RECENT CASES

[Peniamina v The Queen](#) [2020] HCA 47

[Pickering v The Queen](#) (2017) 260 CLR 151

[GAX v The Queen](#) (2017) 344 ALR 489

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[The Queen v Baden-Clay](#) (2016) 258 CLR 308
[Pollock v The Queen](#) (2010) 242 CLR 233
[Taipa v The Queen](#) (2009) 240 CLR 95
[Darkan v The Queen](#) (2006) 227 CLR 373
[York v The Queen](#) (2005) 225 CLR 466
[R v Dalton](#) (2020) 3 QR 273
[R v Etheridge](#) (2020) 3 QR 481
[R v O'Sullivan](#) (2019) 3 QR 196
[R v Licciardello](#) [2018] 3 Qd R 206
[R v Perrin](#) [2018] 2 Qd R 174
[NS v Scott](#) [2018] 2 Qd R 397
[R v Elfar, Golding and Sander](#) [2018] 1 Qd R 608

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