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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Insurance

Personal injuries (all areas including medical negligence, public liability, motor vehicle and professional indemnity)

Public law (administrative, criminal, inquests, and regulatory)

CAREER HISTORY

Barrister

May 2022 – Present

I have a particular interest in matters involving health professionals, including medical negligence claims, coronial inquests, disciplinary proceedings, and *parens patriae* matters.

In 2025, I was included as a recommended professional indemnity junior counsel on the Doyle's Guide.

Published decisions of cases in which I have appeared include:

Insurance / Personal Injuries

- *Stewart v Metro North Hospital and Health Service* [2025] HCA 34 – High Court appeal regarding whether compensatory damages should allow for the plaintiff to receive care in a private residence, rather than in an institution (led by B Walker SC and G Mullins KC).
- *Stewart v Metro North Hospital and Health Service* [2024] QSC 41 – appearing at trial (led by G Mullins KC) and on appeal (led by B Walker KC and G Mullins KC, decision reserved) for the plaintiff concerning the issue of whether damages should reflect the cost of providing care to the plaintiff in a private residence or in an aged care facility.
- *Stewart v Metro North Hospital and Health Service (No 2)* [2024] QSC 95 (led by G Mullins KC) – concerning whether an offer to settle exclusive of funds management fees complied with r 353 UCPR.

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Liability limited by a scheme approved under professional standards legislation

- *PG v State of Queensland* [2023] QDC 109 (led by G Diehm KC) – appearing for the plaintiff in an application for disclosure of ‘similar fact’ evidence in a claim alleging sexual abuse in a youth detention centre.

Regulatory

- *RDH v Medical Board of Australia* [2025] QCAT 151 – challenging an immediate action decision to suspend a doctor after being charged with domestic violence offences unrelated to medical practice, and applying for costs following the successful challenge (unled)
- *Health Ombudsman v De Villiers* [2025] QCAT 5 – professional misconduct regarding allegations of spanking a child patient (unled).
- *Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia v BCD (No 2)* [2025] QCAT 8 – appearing for the Board in relation to a nurse who stole from an elderly patient’s bank account (unled).
- *Health Ombudsman v KGY* [2024] QCAT 337 - professional misconduct by a doctor sending text messages to his girlfriend containing images of patient injuries and accompanying jokes about them – re whether a reprimand is appropriate in light of delay and whether the practitioner’s identity should be suppressed (unled).
- *Health Ombudsman v Sudusinghe* [2023] QCAT 542 - professional misconduct, where the medical practitioner aided her husband (also a medical practitioner) to breach conditions on his registration restricting his contact with female patients (unled).
- *Independent Assessor v Loban*, Councillor Conduct Tribunal, F21/4693 –misconduct allegations against a local councillor relating to dealing with a conflict of interest (unled, on the papers).
- *Independent Assessor v Madsen*, Councillor Conduct Tribunal – appearing at a three-day hearing for a local councillor defending allegations of misconduct relating to statements made in a press conference (unled).
- *KC Fireworks Displays Australasia Pty Ltd v Resources Safety and Health Queensland* [2024] QCAT 76 – appearing for the explosives regulator opposing an application for a stay of a suspension of the applicant’s fireworks contractor licence (unled).
- *Medical Board of Australia v Zimmerman* [2023] QCAT 248 – professional misconduct by a medical practitioner who asked a female patient to join him on holidays (unled).

Coronial Inquests

- *Inquest into the death of Alexandria Forrester* – appearing for a pharmacist in an inquest regarding a death by overdose of methadone by a person on the opioid treatment program.
- *Inquest into the death of Audrey Carrick* - Appearing as counsel assisting the Coroner in an inquest concerning treatment of a patient undergoing a heart valve implant.

Parens Patriae

- *Townsville Hospital and Health Service v R (by her litigation guardian)* [2022] QSC 251 – appearing unled for a minor in an application for a declaration that the minor was *Gillick* competent to consent to termination of a pregnancy.
- Appearing unled in the Supreme Court for a Hospital and Health Service seeking orders authorising medical treatment of a minor where no person could be found with legal parental authority to consent to medical treatment on behalf of the minor (unpublished).

Solicitor, Gilshenan & Luton

October 2019 – February 2022

Associate (from 1 January 2021) and before that Lawyer

From October 2019 I have been with the firm of Gilshenan & Luton practising broadly in criminal law and professional misconduct matters.

Solicitor, HWL Ebsworth

February 2018 – October 2019, Brisbane

Associate (from 1 July 2018) and before that Solicitor

TressCox Lawyers

Graduate and later Solicitor

February 2015 – February 2018, Brisbane

Between February 2015 and February 2017 I worked under all partners in the Brisbane office, gaining experience in the areas of property, commercial litigation, building and construction and wills and estates law.

In November 2016 I transferred into the Health practice group (working exclusively on Health files from February 2017) under Katharine Philp, Partner, acting for leading medical indemnity insurers and their members in all aspects of health law and litigation including regulatory proceedings, medical negligence claims, coronial inquests and Medicare investigations.

Associate to the Honourable Justice Collier, Federal Court of Australia

February 2014 – February 2015, Brisbane

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- *Patient record requests, data breaches and the Privacy Act*: presentation at the Australian Medical Association Private Practice Conference, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, November 2018
- *Communication breakdown: a case note on the coronial inquest into the death of Jared Olsen* (2018), Australian Health Law Bulletin, LexisNexis

- *Masson v State of Queensland: a case note* (2019), Australian Health Law Bulletin, LexisNexis
- *Medicines for the goose are not medicines for the gander: the standard of care of paramedics vs emergency medicine doctors (a case note on the appeal judgment of Masson v State of Queensland)* (2019), Australian Health Law Bulletin, LexisNexis
- Case note: *Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Commonwealth Bank of Australia* [2023] FCAFC 135, Chapter III, Law Council of Australia

AWARDS

Doyle's Guide Recommended Professional Indemnity Junior Counsel – Queensland, 2025

Doyle's Guide Criminal Law Rising Stars (solicitors), Queensland, 2021