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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Commercial  
Common Law/Personal Injury  
Defamation  
Equity  
Industrial/Employment  
Inquests/Inquiries  
Public/Administrative

## EDUCATION

- Queensland University of Technology Masters of Laws (2003-07)
  - Natural resources law, environmental law, consumer protection and product liability, public law, ADR, guarantees, advanced insurance law, equity.
- University of Queensland Bachelor of Laws (Hons)/ Bachelor of Arts (Modern History) (1998-2002)

## CAREER HISTORY

- Barrister at Law – Queensland Private Bar (2007-current)
- DLA Phillips Fox – Solicitor – Insurance & Risk Management (2005-07)
- Associate to Chief Judge PM Wolfe, District Court of Queensland

## CASES RELEVANT TO NATIVE TITLE WORK

Whilst I do not practice squarely in native title (and wish to do so) I have been briefed in numerous matters touching on native title issues, in the course of briefs from the Crown Law Commercial and Property Team. Specifically, I have been briefed to advise and act on behalf of the Attorney-General for the State of Queensland in matters concerning:

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- The construction of ILUAs, and specifically, whether benefits paid were held on charitable trust for the benefit of native title holders.
- Alleged breach of ILUAs.
- Alleged misappropriation of funds held on charitable trust for the benefit of native title holders, and the appropriate application of funds recovered from those misappropriating parties.
- Whether a charitable trust for the benefit of native title holders had failed, and, if so, the appropriate cy-pres application of those trust funds.
- Analysis of a pre-September 1998 agreement between a mining company and certain indigenous family groups, including:
  - Its proper construction;
  - Whether that agreement had been frustrated in consequence of:
    - Disuse of that family group name;
    - Members of that family group subsequently identifying with different family groups, and/or
    - Native title determinations in favour of other family groups (and considering the evidence and findings in those determinations).
  - Whether that agreement satisfied the future act regime existing as at April 1998.
- Analysis of the Native Title Act 1993 future act regime.

I was also briefed last year for the State of Queensland in the Truth Telling and Healing Inquiry, by Peter Dwyer and Chris Gasteen.

## DIRECTORSHIPS

- I chair the board of directors of Karakan Ltd, a not-for-profit which provides support services and accommodation to people experiencing mental health challenges.
- I am a member of the board of directors of the Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia (MIFA), a peak body which advocates nationally for better mental health services and government funding for same. MIFA also delivers a program called Finding North, the purpose of which is to provide digital mental health services and to facilitate community connections for those with mental health challenges.

## VOLUNTEER WORK

- I have taught lawyers and law graduates on a volunteer basis in Tonga, the Cook Islands and in Papua New Guinea (as to the latter, I have taught at the Legal Training Institute most years since 2014).
- I am a member of the Queensland Bar's South Pacific Regional Education Committee, Professional Indemnity and Professional Standards Committee, and Industrial Relations and Employment Relations Committees.
- I undertake pro bono legal work, including for the LGBTI Legal Service, and as part of the Court of Appeal Criminal Law Pro Bono Assistance Scheme.
- I often volunteer for other work with the Bar Association, such as teaching at the Bar Practice Course, marking Bar Practice Exam papers, and mentoring students undertaking the Bar Practice Course.

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## OTHER RECENT CASES

- *Beverley Brown v Seltsam Pty Ltd* (unreported, Supreme Court of Queensland matter 8483/2024) jury trial 19 May 2025 to 4 June 2025- briefed for the plaintiff- verdict for the plaintiff.
- *Michael Sue See v Tewantin Noosa RSL & Citizens Memorial Club, Kevin Graham* [2025] FWC 492 (24 February 2025)
- *WorkCover Queensland v Lismore City Council* [2024] QSC 292 (13 December 2024)
- *Chen v Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service* [2024] QCA 241 (26 November 2024)
- *Hallam v Tancred* [2024] FCA 837 (31 July 2024)
- *Firat v Workers' Compensation Regulator* [2024] QIRC 137 (11 June 2024)
- *Santos WA Energy Ltd v Darren Whittaker* [2024] FWCFB 231 (29 April 2024)
- *Chen v State of Queensland (Queensland Health)* [No 2] [2024] QCA 63 (23 April 2024)
- *Chen v State of Queensland (Queensland Health)* [2024] QCA 42 (26 March 2024)
- *Challis & another v Ford Motor Company of Australia Pty Ltd & another; Challis v Ford Motor Company of Australia Pty Ltd* [2023] QDC 215 (29 November 2023)
- *Challis & Anor v Ford Motor Company of Australia Pty Ltd & another; Challis v Ford Motor Company of Australia Pty Ltd* [2023] QDC 193 (31 October 2023)
- *Together Queensland, Industrial Union of Employees v State of Queensland (Queensland Police Service) and Ors* [2023] QIRC 291 (11 October 2023)
- *Willis Brothers Installations (Qld) Pty Ltd v Ruttley* [2023] FCA 1147 (27 September 2023)
- *Tancred v Shallam Pty Ltd* [2023] FedCFamC2G 777 (24 August 2023)
- *Habibi Arehjan v Workers' Compensation Regulator (No 2)* [2023] QIRC 230 (8 August 2023)
- *Smith v Bunnings Group Limited* [2023] FCA 516 (24 May 2023)
- *Georgeson v Alstom Transport Australia Pty Ltd* [2023] FedCFamC2G 293 (10 March 2023)
- *R v Richards* [2023] QCA 7 (7 February 2023)
- *Muradian v Jones Lang Lasalle (Qld) Pty Limited* [2023] FCA 165 (1 February 2023)
- *Hayley Renee Campbell v Suncorp Group Limited* [2023] FWC 101 (13 January 2023)
- *Ruttley v Willis Bros Installations (Qld) Pty Ltd* [2022] FedCFamC2G 942 (21 November 2022)
- *In the matter of an application by Jashneel Prakash for admission to the Legal Profession* [2022] QCA 224 (15 November 2022)
- *Ruttley v Willis Brothers Installation (Qld) Pty Ltd* [2022] FedCFamC2G 919 (4 November 2022)
- *John David Bourke & Jamie Clifford and Others v OS MCAP Pty Ltd* [2022] FWCFB 178 (4 October 2022)
- *Edmunds v Workers' Compensation Regulator* [2022] QIRC 285 (29 July 2022)
- *Australian Meat Industry Employees Union v Primo Foods Pty Ltd* [2022] FedCFamC2G 540 (5 July 2022)
- *Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union & Ors v BHP Coal Pty Ltd T/A BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance / BMA & Ors* (2022) 311 IR 304
- *Ambrose and Ors v OS MCAP Pty Ltd* [2022] FWC 1481 (10 June 2022)

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- *Ruttley v Willis Brothers Installation (Qld) Pty Ltd* [2022] FedCFamC2G 430 (9 June 2022)
- *Akbari v State of Queensland* [2022] QCA 74 (10 May 2022)
- *Hoogendoorn v State of Queensland and Queensland Parole Board* [2022] QDC 83 (14 April 2022)
- *Porche v State of Queensland (Department of Education)* [2022] ICQ 3 (8 February 2022)
- *Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining and Energy Union v Hay Point Services Pty Ltd (No.3)* [2021] FCA 282
- *Henry v Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects Limited (No.5)* [2021] FCA 1648 (22 November 2021)
- *Mizikovsky v Berkley & Ors* [2021] QSC 294 (19 November 2021)
- *Ballard v Ballard* [2021] NSWSC 1015 (12 August 2021)