

## JANE MENZIES

YEAR OF CALL: 2019

Jane Menzies is a barrister practising in all areas of corporate and commercial law. She has a depth of experience working with government and corporate clients in complex litigation particularly construction and infrastructure disputes, energy and resources disputes, and matters involving competition and consumer law, contractual interpretation, and corporations law. Jane has acted on several large class actions in the Federal and State Courts and has worked on commissions of inquiry at the Commonwealth and State levels. Jane is listed in the Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession as a Leading Construction & Infrastructure Junior Counsel.

With her technical background as a Civil Engineer, Jane worked as an engineer in onsite construction, consultancy and project management for several years. Before being called to the Bar in 2019, she worked in Brisbane as a commercial litigator at a global law firm from 2012, including as a Senior Associate from 2016.

Jane is a university medallist in law and received first class honours in her law and civil engineering degrees. Jane was formerly associate at the High Court of Australia to the Hon Justice (now Chief Justice) Susan Kiefel AC. She worked as associate in the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia (now the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia) to Judge Purdon-Sully.

An accomplished sportswoman, Jane played in Australia's National Netball League for five seasons with the Queensland Firebirds and the Hunter Jaegers. She represented Queensland and New South Wales in netball at junior and open levels between 1999 and 2008.



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### Areas of practice

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Administrative Law, Banking & Finance, Building & Construction, Class Actions, Commercial, Commissions & Inquiries, Competition & Consumer Law, Contract, Corporate & Regulatory, Energy & Resources, Equity, Mining, Professional Negligence, Tort, Trade Practices

### Career

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<b>2019</b>	Called to the Bar
<b>2016 – 2019</b>	Senior Associate, King & Wood Mallesons, Brisbane
<b>2012 – 2016</b>	Solicitor, King & Wood Mallesons, Brisbane
<b>2013 – 2014</b>	Author of The Laws of Australia, Thomson Reuters
<b>2012 – 2013</b>	Associate to the Honourable Justice Kiefel (now Chief Justice), High Court of Australia
<b>2011 – 2012</b>	Associate to Judge Purdon-Sully, Federal Magistrates Court of Australia (now Federal Circuit Court)
<b>2008 – 2010</b>	Project Engineer, Cardno Pty Ltd
<b>2004 – 2007</b>	Site Engineer and Project Environmental Manager, John Holland Pty Ltd

## Education

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- 2012** Graduate Diploma in Practical Legal Training – College of Law, Queensland  
The Queensland Law Society Prize for Overall Excellence (2012)  
The College of Law Prize for Professional Responsibility (2012)
- 2012** Bachelor of Laws, Honours Class I (University Medal) – Queensland University of Technology  
University Medal for outstanding scholarship (2012)  
Valedictorian of graduating cohort (2012)  
Una Prentice Award as highest graduating female law student at QUT (2013)  
Prize for Law of Corporate Governance (2012)  
Allens Arthur Robinson Prize for Corporate Law (2011)  
Ryan and Bosscher Prize for Criminal Responsibility (2011)  
Gilshenan and Luton Prize for Criminal Law (2009)  
Prize for Select Issues in Torts (2008)  
Faculty of Law Dean's Research Scholar (2009 – 2011)
- 2003** Bachelor of Engineering (Civil), Honours Class I – University of Queensland  
The Gutteridge Haskins and Davey Pty Ltd Scholarship in Civil Engineering (2002)  
The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland Prize in Highway Engineering (2002)  
Faculty of Engineering Dean's Commendation for High Achievement (2000 – 2003)

## Recommendations

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**Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession 2023** – Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Junior Counsel (Qld)

## Select briefs and appearances

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### BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION

- Acting (led by John Rowland KC, Patrick O'Shea KC and Dan Piggott KC) for the plaintiff in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings involving delay claims on a construction project exceeding AUD 1.4 billion
- Advising (unled) a contractor on adjudication applications under the *Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017* (Qld) in relation to a multi-storey commercial and residential development in Brisbane
- Acting (led by Peter Dunning KC and Melanie Hindman KC) for the plaintiff in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings involving claims for breach of contract exceeding AUD 386 million
- Acting (led by Robert Holt KC) for the plaintiff in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings seeking contractual damages for defective works of more than AUD 2 million
- Acting (led by David de Jersey KC) for an apartment owner seeking tortious damages for defective building works

### COMMERCIAL

- Acting (unled) for a major banking institution in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings involving claims to enforce a loan agreement
- Acting (led by David de Jersey KC) for an accounting firm in a professional negligence claim in the Supreme Court of Queensland
- Acting (unled) for a corporation in the Supreme Court of Queensland defending a breach of contract claim by a former employee

## COMMISSIONS & INQUIRIES

- Counsel Assisting (led by Jonathan Horton KC) in the Paradise Dam Commission of Inquiry chaired by the Honourable John Byrne AO RFD

## COMPETITION & CONSUMER LAW

- Acting (led by Shane Doyle KC, John Sheahan KC and Peter Franco KC) in a Federal Court of Australia class action alleging misuse of market power by the two largest electricity generation companies in Queensland

## CORPORATE & REGULATORY

- Acting (led by Dan Piggott KC) in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings involving claims of breach of fiduciary and statutory duties
- Acting (unled) in Queensland proceedings involving claims of breach of fiduciary and directors' duties under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)

## EQUITY

- Acting (unled) in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings for a government owned corporation seeking declaratory relief
- Acting (unled) for a government owned corporation to obtain urgent injunctive relief in the Supreme Court of Queensland to protect the disclosure of confidential information
- Acting (unled) for the registered owner of real property against the Public Trustee of Queensland in a dispute involving equitable issues of the presumption of advancement and resulting trusts

## MINING, ENERGY & RESOURCES

- Acting (led by Patrick O'Shea KC, Kylies Downes KC and Dominic O'Sullivan KC) for the plaintiffs in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings in a \$900 million joint venture dispute relating to the development of a coal mine
- Advising (unled) a major energy company with respect to a landholder dispute and biosecurity issues

## PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

- Acting (unled) for the plaintiff in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings involving claims against a solicitor for breach of tortious duty and misleading and deceptive conduct

## Admissions

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**2013** High Court of Australia

**2012** Supreme Court of Queensland

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