

WILL LEMASS

YEAR OF CALL: 2017

Will LeMass is an experienced junior counsel practising in all areas of corporate and commercial law, with a particular focus on construction and infrastructure disputes, professional indemnity, contract, insolvency, corporations law and arbitration.

Will has represented publicly listed companies, state and local government entities, insurers, engineers, certifiers, international construction and infrastructure companies, mining companies, insolvency practitioners, property developers and other commercial entities in proceedings in State and Federal Courts as well as private arbitration.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Will was a senior associate at Clayton Utz. He was formerly the Associate to his Honour Judge Martin SC.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession 2024 – Recommended Construction & Infrastructure Junior Counsel (Qld)

CAREER

Barrister, Queensland Bar
October 2017 to date

Senior Associate, Clayton Utz
2015 - October 2017

Lawyer, Clayton Utz
2010 - December 2014

Associate to his Honour Judge Martin SC
2009 – 2010

EDUCATION

LL.B (Hons IIA), University of Queensland, 2008

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, Queensland University of Technology, 2010

Advanced Certificate in Insolvency, Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association (administered by Queensland University of Technology), 2014

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SELECTED BRIEFS AND APPEARANCES

BUILDING, CONSTRUCTION & INFRASTRUCTURE

- *Ingeteam Australia Pty Ltd v Susan River Solar Pty Ltd* [2024] QSC 30 (instructed by Baker McKenzie, unled);
- Acting for an international infrastructure construction company in a \$150m plus dispute concerning road infrastructure (instructed by Wotton + Kearney, led by D de Jersey KC and T Marskell);
- Acting for a firm of professional engineers in two separate proceedings concerning combustible cladding (instructed by Wotton + Kearney, led by E Goodwin KC);
- Acting for a local government in a commercial arbitration against a contractor (instructed by Lamont Project & Construction lawyers, led by T Sullivan KC and M Drysdale KC);
- Acting for a firm of professional engineers in relation to a professional negligence claim (instructed by Wotton + Kearney, unled);
- *Springfield City Group Pty Ltd v Pipe Networks Pty Ltd* [2023] QCA 172 (instructed by McBride Legal, led by J Sheahan KC and G Handran KC);
- *Body Corporate for Ye Olde Avalon Community Titles Scheme 2787 v Dorchester Nominees (No 1) Pty Ltd* [2023] QSC 180 (instructed by Thynne & Macartney, unled);
- Acting for a property developer in relation to a delay claim concerning civil works at a residential subdivision (led by D de Jersey KC, instructed by Hopgood Ganim);
- *Springfield City Group Pty Ltd v Pipe Networks Pty Ltd* [2022] QSC 255 (instructed by McBride Legal, led by R Newlinds SC and G Handran KC);
- Acting for hydraulic consultants and contractors in relation to two separate professional negligence proceedings (instructed by Thynne & Macartney);
- Acting for a design and construct building company in two separate proceedings concerning regulatory compliance;
- Acting for a certifier in professional disciplinary proceedings (instructed by Thynne & Macartney);
- *Springfield City Group Pty Ltd v PIPE Networks Pty Ltd* [2021] QSC 80 (instructed by McBride Legal, led by D Savage KC);
- Acting for a publicly listed company in a gas pipeline dispute (instructed by Ashurst, led by M Hindman KC);
- Acting (instructed by Holding Redlich, led by P O'Shea KC, K Downes KC and D 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 a water board in relation to proposed amendments to delegated legislation made pursuant to the *Water Act 2000* (Qld) (instructed by Fox & Thomas);
- *OPENetworks Pty Ltd v Myport Pty Ltd* [2019] FCA 1659 (instructed by TelcoTech Legal, led by D Kelly KC).

CLASS ACTIONS

- *West v Rane* [2019] FCA 219 (instructed by Barry Nilsson, unled).

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION & INSOLVENCY

- *WCL (Qld) Albert St Pty Ltd v Orb Holdings Pty Ltd* [2023] QCA 263 (instructed by Clayton Utz, led by S Doyle KC and S Webster);
- *CIP Group Pty Ltd v So (No 3)* [2023] FCA 518 (instructed by Colin, Biggers & Paisley, led by S Couper KC);
- *CIP Group Pty Ltd v So (No 2)* [2023] FCA 321 (instructed by Colin, Biggers & Paisley, led by S Couper KC);
- *CIP Group Pty Ltd v So* [2022] FCA 1490 (instructed by Colin, Biggers & Paisley, led by P Dunning KC);
- Acting for a medical franchise in relation to a franchise dispute (instructed by Colin, Biggers & Paisley, unled);
- *Jin Resources (Aus) Pty Ltd v Nicols* [2022] QSC 158 (instructed by Colin, Biggers & Paisley, unled);
- *Bluepoint Properties Pty Ltd v Zuri Properties Pty Ltd* [2022] QSC 26 (instructed by McBride Legal, led by G Handran KC);
- Acting for partners in a rural farming partnership dispute (instructed by Fox & Thomas);
- Acting for the defendants in shareholder oppression proceedings (instructed by MacDonnells Law, led by K Downes KC and S Couper KC);
- Acting for a local government in relation to a substantial property dispute (instructed by Clayton Utz, led by L Kelly KC and D Turner);
- Acting for a sporting body in relation to a substantial taxation related dispute with a publicly listed company (instructed by Clayton Utz, led by L Kelly KC);
- *Emanate Legal Services Pty Ltd v Hood* [2021] QCA 94 (led by G Thompson KC);
- *Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd v DFD Rhodes Pty Ltd* [2020] WASCA 77 (instructed by Clayton Utz, led by L Kelly KC and T Mehigan);
- *Campbell v T L Clacher No 2 Pty Ltd* [2020] QSC 35 (instructed by Cooper Grace Ward, led by D Kelly KC);
- Acting for an engineering company in relation to a mistaken payment claim (instructed by Clayton Utz, unled);
- Acting for a food manufacturing company in an action against an equipment supplier (instructed by Clayton Utz, led by D de Jersey KC);
- *QM Properties Pty Ltd v Belscorp Pty Ltd* [2019] QCA 138 (led by D Kelly KC and J Baartz);
- *QM Properties Pty Ltd v Belscorp Pty Ltd* [2018] QSC 158 (led by D Kelly KC and J Baartz);
- Acting for a firm of solicitors in relation to proceedings to enforce a solicitor's lien (unled);
- *King v Abdel-Malik* [2018] QDC 163 (unled).