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Sarah Fountain practises in the areas of insurance, reinsurance and litigation. She focuses on professional indemnity insurance and has acted for a wide variety of professionals, including solicitors, accountants, auditors, insurance brokers, engineers, architects, surveyors, valuers and agronomists.

Her insurer clients include Australian insurers, Lloyds insurers and other international insurers.

She also provides advice to insurers and reinsurers on policy coverage and, more recently, has been providing advice in relation to large business interruption claims.

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes

RELATED SECTORS

- Insurance

EXPERIENCE

- Acting for insureds (on the instructions of their insurers) in hundreds of professional negligence claims, including claims against accountants, auditors, lawyers, engineers, architects, financial planners and insurance brokers
- Acting for a variety of professionals in professional conduct inquiries
- Providing indemnity advice to insurers in relation to a range of insurance policies, including professional indemnity policies, D&O policies, product liability policies, ISR policies and management liability policies
- Acting for auditors and their London based insurers in a \$50 million claim arising out of the collapse of a financial intermediary and investment broker/adviser. The claim was brought by the liquidators of the collapsed company, who sought to increase the return to thousands of investors
- Acting for insurers and reinsurers in relation to business interruption claims, including a claim arising out of the flooding of mines, which was one of the largest single loss insurance claims that has been made in Australia
- Advising insurers in relation to drafting policy wordings
- Acting for defendants in oppression actions, which have involved complex business valuation issues
- Acting for plaintiffs and defendants in general commercial litigation matters, particularly contract disputes

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of South Australia
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Memberships

- Australian Insurance Law Association
- Australian Professional Indemnity Group
- Law Institute of Victoria
- Women in Insurance

INSIGHTS

Publications

Technology and disruption in the insurance sector: 2019 and beyond

21 MAY 2019

Insurance Horizons Series

The past decade has seen disruption become a key catchphrase in business, politics and public thought, as the impact of disruption spreads across economies. While this disruption may manifest as new business models, and the upending of old ones, it is technology that is enabling all of this change.

Insurance Review May 2016

5 MAY 2016

Welcome to *Insurance Review May 2016*. DLA Piper's annual publication dedicated to the insurance industry. In this issue we look at the following topics:

Sarah has written articles for insurance publications, including developments in the area of reinsurance.

NEWS

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

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DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.
