



Alexandra Derham

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Alexandra Derham advises clients on a variety of civil litigation, construction and insurance related disputes. Her areas of focus include professional negligence, construction, personal injury, defamation, contractual, trade practices claims and coronial inquests.

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Regulatory and Government Affairs

Alexandra has experience practicing in both an advocacy and advisory capacity, in relation to a variety of disputes. She is also experienced at using alternative forms of dispute resolution such as arbitration, adjudication and mediation.

She provides dispute resolution advice and representation in professional indemnity, public liability and construction disputes. She has particular experience in advising professional indemnity and public liability insurers with respect to claims against real estate agents, accountants, financial advisors, architects, engineers and municipal officers and authorities.

- Acting for a national civil engineering contractor in an arbitration arising out of the design and construction of a dangerous goods drainage system following the loss of 300 million litres of diesel from the system (\$15 million plus claim in damages).
- Acting for an engineering consultancy in an arbitration brought against it in connection with the design and project management of a bio-cogeneration facility.
- Acting for an architect in a dispute concerning whether the design and construction of a high end residence complied with energy efficiency requirements within the Building Code of Australia.
- Acting for a power company in relation to various bushfires that damaged properties in south west and central Western Australia.
- Acting for a labour hire company against one of Australia's largest engineering contractors and one of Australia's largest miners in a dispute concerning a train derailment.
- Acting for a local government in relation to a bushfire in the south west of Western Australia that caused four deaths and destroyed millions of dollars of damage to stock, crops, property and infrastructure.
- Acting for a local government in relation a claim by an international corporation regarding a fire which severely burned several marathon competitors in 2011 (\$20 million plus claim in damages).
- Acting for local governments on a number of personal injury, professional indemnity and property damage disputes including in

relation to a significant spinal injury claim (\$21 million claim in damages).

- Acting for a mine operator and power corporation in an action for injuries sustained while inside an electrical compound. The claim against the mines operator was successfully dismissed for procedural failures. The matter was heard against the power corporation in the District Court of Western Australia in February 2013. The plaintiffs claim was dismissed. (\$2 million claim in damages).
- Acting for a national construction company in a matter involving 55 claims for vibration damage following construction of a major Perth intersection. All claims were successfully settled prior to any formal proceedings.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia
- Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia

Education

- Monash University, Bachelor of Arts, 2008
- Monash University, Diploma in Modern Languages (Japanese), 2008
- University of Melbourne, Juris Doctor, 2010
- Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, 2011

Memberships

- AILA

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Banking & Finance Litigation Update: Paciocco v ANZ, February 2014

Events

- CLE 'Getting it Right: Conflict of Laws in Australia', August 2012