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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative and Public Law
Commercial and Corporate Litigation
Competition and Consumer Law
Coronial Inquests and Commissions of Inquiry
Disciplinary Proceedings
Equity
Mental Health Law
Professional Liability Law
Regulatory Law
Tort Law
Work, Health and Safety Law

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Queensland University of Technology
Master of Laws, University of Queensland

CAREER HISTORY

Ryan was called to the Bar in 2022 and practises in the above areas.

Before commencing at the private Bar, Ryan practised for nine years as a solicitor in national firms in Australia and the United Kingdom. During that time, he prosecuted and defended a wide range of matters in the above practice areas on behalf of private clients (individuals and companies), insurers and intermediaries, and government agencies.

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Some of Ryan's experience at the Bar and as a solicitor includes:

- Appearing (unled) for a plaintiff in the District Court of Queensland at an application to renew and take further steps in a proceeding that was stale for over five years.
- Appearing (unled) for a defendant at a novel application in the Supreme Court of Queensland about the preferred construction of section 27 of the *Personal Injuries Proceedings Act 2002* and also to limit the number of expert witnesses to be called at trial.
- Appearing (unled) for a defendant at three separate applications (heard together) in the District Court of Queensland, concerning the extension of limitation periods pursuant to s31 of the *Limitation of Actions Act 1974*.
- Appearing (unled) for the adult in QCAT at an application for the appointment of a guardian and administrator under the *Guardian and Administration Act 2000*.
- Acting (led by Amelia Wheatley KC) for a health practitioner in the Health Service Investigation into obstetrics and gynaecology services at the Mackay Hospital and Health System.
- Advising a cosmetic company, and its director, in relation to potential prosecution for advertising breaches by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.
- Acting for a medical practitioner in the inquest into the death of Mason Jet Lee.
- Successfully quashing an investigation report adverse to a medical practitioner by way of judicial review, which was concurrent with acting for that practitioner in industrial disputes under the *Public Service Act 2008*.
- Acting for solicitors in fitness to practise investigations by the Solicitors Regulatory Authority (UK).
- Persuading the Medical Board of Australia not to take immediate action against a medical practitioner in response to more than 30 concurrent notifications.
- Avoiding the statutory prosecution of a geomembrane specialist in relation to alleged offences under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002*.
- Striking out a claim against a firm of solicitors for failing to register an equitable charge.
- Defending a claim against a firm of auctioneers for breach of contract, misrepresentation, negligence, and breach of trade practices legislation, arising from the sale of a trio of bespoke, high-value shotguns.
- Advising insurers on coverage in relation to two multi-million GBP claims brought against a firm of fine-art dealers by clients and a major national gallery.

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