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Overview

Dan has a commercial practice with an emphasis on trial advocacy. He appears regularly in trials before Courts and Arbitral Tribunals, as well as on appeals from decisions made following trials. Dan has advised and acted for clients from a broad range of industries, including the resources, building and construction, professional services, banking and financial services, telecommunications, property, manufacturing, agricultural, government, and small business sectors. Dan was called to the Bar in 2006 and took silk in 2019.

Experience

- Since 2019** King's Counsel in private practice at the Queensland Bar
- 2006-2019** Barrister in private practice at the Queensland Bar
- 2001-2005** Solicitor at Mallesons Stephen Jaques, Brisbane office
- 2000** Associate to the Hon. Justice J.B. Thomas, Judge of Appeal, Queensland Court of Appeal

Professional qualifications

- 2019** Appointed Queen's Counsel
- 2006** Called to the Queensland Bar
- 2001** Admitted as a solicitor in Queensland and New South Wales

Education

- 2003** Bachelor of Civil Laws with Distinction, University of Oxford
- 1999** Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and a University Medal for Outstanding Scholarship, University of Queensland
- 1996** Bachelor of Arts, University of Queensland

Selected cases

Acting for a subcontractor in relation to the arbitration of a dispute with a contractor concerning a subcontract for works to upgrade a public infrastructure asset (ongoing)

Acting for a local government claiming against the Commonwealth of Australia for damages arising out of PFAS contamination of ground water and soil: *Toowoomba Regional Council v The Commonwealth of Australia* [\[2026\] QSC 11](#)

Acting for a resources company defending a claim brought by a local government concerning an infrastructure access agreement: *Isaac Regional Council v Carmichael Rail Network Pty Ltd* [\[2026\] QSC 93](#)

Appearing for a publicly listed resources company claiming to recover overpayments made under an engineering, procurement and construction contract: *Santos Limited v Fluor Australia Pty Ltd & Anor* [\[2025\] QSC 184](#)

Appearing for a resources company in relation to the arbitration of a dispute concerning a contract to ship gas (2025)

Appearing for a contractor in a series of appeals and urgent applications concerning rights to payments and securities under contracts for the construction of apartment buildings: *York Property Holdings Pty Ltd v Tomkins Commercial & Industrial Builders Pty Ltd* [\[2026\] QCA 63](#); *York Property Holdings Pty Ltd v Tomkins Commercial & Industrial Builders Pty Ltd* [\[2025\] QCA 251](#); and *Tomkins Commercial & Industrial Builders Pty Ltd v Pacific Diamond 88 Pty Ltd (as trustee)* [\[2025\] QCA 50](#)

Appearing for a landlord defending a claim concerning the termination of a motel lease: *Carter & Anor v Mackey Motels Pty Ltd* [\[2024\] QCA 68](#) and [\[2023\] QSC 128](#)

Appearing for a business owner claiming to recover monies misappropriated by an employee: *Australian Stainless Distributors Pty Ltd v Stacey* [2021] 9 QR 420; [\[2021\] QSC 278](#)

Appearing for a liquidator claiming to recover monies on behalf of a community banking scheme: *Connelly & Harris & Anor v McGrath & Anor* [2019] 3 QR 99; [2019] 3 QR 99; [\[2019\] QSC 304](#)

Appearing for a government dam operator defending a class action for damages arising out of the 2011 Brisbane River floods: *Rodriguez & Sons Pty Ltd v Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority trading as Seqwater (No 22)* [\[2019\] NSWSC 1657](#); appeal allowed in (2021) 393 ALR 162; [\[2021\] NSWCA 206](#)

Appearing for company officers defending civil penalty proceedings for breaches of officer's duties: eg *ASIC v Drake (No 2)* (2016) 340 ALR 75; (2016) 118 ACSR 189; [\[2016\] FCA 1552](#); *ASIC v Managed Investments Pty Ltd (No 9)* (2016) 308 FLR 216; (2016) 112 ACSR 138; [\[2016\] QSC 109](#)

Appearing for a telecommunications provider claiming declarations and recovery of overpayments made because of the unconstitutionality of a statute imposing discriminatory rents for crown leases: *Telstra Corporation Ltd v State of Queensland* [\[2016\] FCA 1213](#)

Selected other roles

2016-2026 'Closing and opening civil cases', Bar Association of Queensland, Bar Practice Course

2022-2025 Chair, Legal Education (CPD) Committee, Bar Association of Queensland