

# Graham Gibson KC

Year of call: 1976    Year of silk: 1989

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## Overview

Graham practices principally in the fields of contract, commercial, property (including planning and environment and mining and resources), administrative law and appellate proceedings.

He has appeared in the High Court of Australia, Supreme Court of Queensland, Federal Court of Australia (in all capital cities), Planning and Environment Court Queensland, Land Court Queensland, High Court of Solomon Islands and Solomon Islands Court of Appeal.

Graham was called to the Bar in 1976 and appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989. He obtained a B.A. and LLB (Hons 2A) from the University of Queensland in 1975.

## Areas of practice

- Administrative Law
- Appellate
- Commercial
- Contract
- Environment & Planning
- Equity
- Insurance
- Mining, Energy and Resources
- Property (including planning and environment)
- Tort
- Trade Practices & Competition

## Education

**1975**      Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Laws (Hons 2A), University of Queensland

## Career summary

**1976**      Commenced practice as Barrister

**1989**      Appointed Queen's Counsel

## Appearances

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High Court of Australia

Federal Court of Australia (appearances in all capital cities)

Supreme Courts of Queensland, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory, Solomon Islands  
High Court and Court of Appeal

Planning and Environment Court, Queensland

Land Court, Queensland

## Some Clients Represented in Court Proceedings<sup>1</sup>

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### Corporate

Abacus Funds Management Limited

Abbot Point Bulkcoal Pty Ltd (wholly owned subsidiary of Glencore)

ACE Insurance Aria Property Group Ltd

Adani Mining Pty Ltd

AIG Australia Limited

American Home Assurance Company

Armour Energy Limited Australand Limited

BG International Limited

BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd

BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd (jointly owned by BHP Billiton Limited and Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd)

Brisbane Airport Corporation Limited

CGU Insurance

Cliffs Australia Coal Pty Ltd and Cliffs Australia Washplant Operations Pty Ltd (both wholly owned subsidiaries of Cleveland Cliffs Inc.)

Dexus Funds Management Limited

Dexus Wholesale Property Limited

FKP Residential Developments Pty Ltd

Hope Island Resort Holdings Pty Ltd

JDV Limited (formerly Hartley Poynton Limited)

Macquarie Leisure Management Ltd

McArthur River Mining Pty Ltd (wholly owned subsidiary, Xstrata Zinc Ltd)

McConnell Dowell Constructors (Aust) Pty Ltd

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<sup>1</sup> In alphabetical order. Clients for whom only Opinions have been provided are not included, for reasons of confidentiality.

Queensland Gas Company Limited (now QGC Pty Limited, subsidiary of BG Group plc)

Pauls Ltd (wholly owned subsidiary, Parmalat SpA)

Ross Neilson Properties Pty Ltd

SMM Solomon Limited (jointly owned by Sumitomo Metal Mining Co. Ltd and Japan Oil Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC))

Suncorp

St. Paul

Transmetro Corporation Limited

W.A. Stockwell Pty Ltd

Westpac Banking Corporation

Wilmar Sugar Australia Pty Ltd

Woolworths Limited

**Governments, Government Departments and Agencies Commonwealth**

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

Director of Public Prosecutions

Native Title Registrar

CEO, Customs

**State**

State of Queensland

Commissioner of Stamp Duties/Office of State Revenue

Environmental Protection Authority/Dept. of Environment and Resource Management

Gladstone Ports Corporation

Queensland Police Service

Powerlink Queensland

Treasury Corporation

SunWater

WorkCover Queensland

**Local**

Brisbane City Council

Gold Coast City Council

Logan City Council

Noosa Shire Council

Redland City Council

Sunshine Coast Regional Council

## Professional Recognition

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Best Lawyers Australia:

- 2008 - 2025 – Litigation
- 2013 – Litigation – Queensland Lawyer of the Year
- 2016 - 2025 – Bet the Company litigation

Doyle's Guide:

- 2013 - 2025 – Leading Planning and Environment Barristers - Queensland
- 2021 - 2022 – Leading Administrative and Public Law Barristers - Australia

Speaker at numerous seminars and conferences addressing topics in fields including trade practices, evidence, vendor-purchaser, contract and administrative law.

## Professional Organisations

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Chair, Professional Indemnity/Professional Standards Committee, Bar Association of Queensland

Chair, Legal Practitioners Admissions Board

Past member of the Council and Executive of the Bar Association of Queensland

Life Member, Bar Association of Queensland

## Other Organisations

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Former Chairman, Cancer Council Queensland

Former Board member, Cancer Council Australia

Tribunal Member, Motorsport Australia