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Overview

Dan was called to the Bar in October 2025, after a thirteen-year career as a solicitor.

Prior to the Bar, Dan was a Senior Associate in the Disputes team at Ashurst. He practised in large Court proceedings with a focus on construction, infrastructure and projects disputes, and in domestic and international arbitration.

While at Ashurst, he gained in-house experience through a long-term secondment in the global Litigation team for a multinational mining company.

Prior to Ashurst, Dan worked at McCullough Robertson, gaining experience across a range of disputes work. Before his career as a solicitor, Dan worked for two years in corporate and personal insolvency at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Selected areas of practice

- Appellate
- Arbitration
- Banking & Finance
- Building & Construction
- Competition & Consumer
- Contract
- Corporations
- Insolvency & Bankruptcy
- Intellectual Property
- Property
- Professional Negligence
- Resources and Energy

Career prior to call

2018 – 2025	Senior Associate, Ashurst
2015 – 2018	Lawyer / Senior Associate, McCullough Robertson
2012 – 2015	Lawyer, Ashurst
2011	Graduate, Blake Dawson
2009 – 2010	Consultant, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Education

- 2011** College of Law Practical Legal Training – Top graduating student, Queensland
- 2008** Bachelor of Laws (Hons) / Bachelor of Commerce (Finance) – Bond University
Vice-Chancellor’s Scholar

Selected matters

Isaac Regional Council v Adani Mining Pty Ltd & Anor: Acting for Adani in Supreme Court of Queensland proceedings brought by Council concerning the required specifications for road construction. Instructed by Ashurst. Led by Dan Piggott KC and Simon Eggins.

Tomkins Commercial & Industrial Builders Pty Ltd v York Property Holdings Pty Ltd: Acting for Tomkins in various proceedings in the Supreme Court of Queensland concerning the construction of a high-rise residential development. Instructed by Thomson Geer. Led by Dan Piggott KC and Jane Menzies.

CHR Vermont Pty Ltd v Lake Vermont Resources Pty Ltd: Acted for CHR in two applications against Lake Vermont Resources in the Supreme Court of Queensland concerning the proper interpretation of a mining joint venture agreement. Instructed by McCullough Robertson. Led by Sandy Thompson KC.

McGrath v Brisbane City Council & Anor: Acted for Brisbane City Council in Magistrates Court of Queensland proceedings concerning a motor vehicle accident. Instructed by City Legal. Unled.