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OVERVIEW

Jason is a senior associate in the restructuring and insolvency team. He provides assistance to insolvency practitioners, lenders, and corporate clients on insolvency litigation, business restructuring, general commercial disputes and secured and unsecured recoveries.

Jason also has experience in mergers and acquisitions, venture capital transactions, and construction disputes.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Jason worked at an economics consultancy firm, a fintech startup and as a university statistics tutor.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of New South Wales member
- Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association (ARITA) member
- Turnaround Management Association (TMA) member
- Justice Connect volunteer

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Sydney, 2018
- Bachelor of Economics, University of Sydney, 2016 (Honours I)
- ARITA Advanced Certification, University of Technology, Sydney, 2021

ADMISSIONS

- Federal Court of Australia
- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of New South Wales

AREAS OF FOCUS

Restructuring and Insolvency

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acted for the liquidators of a financial services company in a cross-border insolvency matter which involved joint sittings of the Federal Court of Australia and High Court of New Zealand and the appelate courts of those jurisdictions. The multifaceted matter included advising the liquidators as to the distribution of trust assets of over AU\$250 million, bringing Court applications for the appointment of representative defendants and for fixing the liquidators' remuneration and advising the liquidators in relation to recovery actions.
- Acted for a global investment firm in proceedings in the High Court of Australia in relation an international airline.
- Advised the administrators appointed to four ASX/NSX listed entities in the life sciences industry in relation to successful court applications regarding an extension to the convening period and modifications to the administrators' personal liability for certain debts.
- Acted for an energy company in a litigated dispute with its customer involving allegations of breach of contract and unconscionable conduct.
- Acted for a fleet lessor in the Virgin administration in relation to its rights in the administration and recovery of the amounts owing to it.
- Acted for an energy company in a successful defence of an application by a counterparty to be granted access to commercially sensitive, confidential documents.
- Assisted with professional negligence litigated claims involving professional service firms.
- Acted for a corporate borrower experiencing financial distress due to the COVID-19 pandemic in negotiating forbearance terms with its lenders.
- Advised financial institutions in respect of responding to AFCA complaints.