

# **Andrew Blyth**

# Senior Associate

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## **OVERVIEW**

Andrew Blyth is a commercial and construction disputes lawyer working out of the Perth office. He is a solutions-focused practitioner who gives pragmatic advice tailored to his client's individual needs.

Andrew's specialty construction experience extends to acting for a range of project participants on different types of projects across various jurisdictions. He also assists clients with a range of general commercial matters, including contractual disputes, corporate governance and shareholder disputes, tortious claims, property disputes, regulatory matters and misrepresentation claims.

Andrew's experience extends to providing strategic project-related advice and acting for clients in a variety of courts, tribunals and other forums.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Andrew was admitted to practice in 2012 and, since then, has worked in both specialty construction and general commercial practices at firms in Melbourne and Perth.

## **EDUCATION**

- Master of Laws, University of Melbourne, 2023
- Bachelor of Science, University of Western Australia, 2011
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Western Australia, 2011

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# • ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Western Australia

# THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 3 October 2023, WA Regulation of Performance Security in Contracts
- 27 March 2023, Legislative Corrosion of Time Bars in Construction Contracts
- 1 August 2022, Western Australia Set for Commencement of New Progress Payment Regime Under the Building and Construction Industry (Security of Payment) Act 2021 (WA)
- March 2022, Crisis Management in Today's World

# **NEWS & EVENTS**

- 13 February 21 February 2024, 2024 CPD Program-Australia
- 7 February 16 February 2023, 2023 CPD Program-Australia

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- **Commercial Disputes**
- Construction and Infrastructure Dispute Resolution
- Corporate Governance
- International Arbitration
- Professional Liability

# REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acted for the national governing body for the sport of cricket in Federal Court proceedings against a major television broadcaster concerning cricket broadcasting rights.
- Acted for head contractors in adjudications against subcontractors in relation to the construction of a major hybrid wind-solar complex in South Australia.
- Assisted in a dispute in the New South Wales Supreme Court concerning adjustments and indemnities under a contract for the sale of a major Australian contractor.
- Acted for a property fund in proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria against a joint venture partner and related construction company with respect to the construction of a major office development in Melbourne CBD.
- Acted for a manufacturer in proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria regarding the design and development of a cogeneration plant for use as a part of paper milling operation.

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- Acted in proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria against a construction company engaged for the redevelopment of an iconic Melbourne CBD office building.
- Acted for a developer in adjudications concerning three residential projects and subsequent judicial review proceedings and appeal.
- Assisted during the trial hearing of an application to set aside a Deed of Company Arrangement entered into and following administrators being appointed to a gold mining operator.
- Acted for a developer against a trans-tasman construction company in an adjudication and subsequent judicial review proceeding and appeal.
- Acted for a large joinery subcontractor against a head contractor in an adjudication, legal proceedings in the County Court of Victoria and subsequent winding up proceedings.
- Worked on an appeal in the Victorian Court of Appeal in a jurisdictional dispute between two international companies.
- Acted for a Western Australian financial adviser in a dispute with a Victorian Australian Financial Services License holder.
- Acted for plaintiffs in proceedings involving the publication of defamatory or false material online.
- Assisted in a shareholder dispute involving a large private company that provides spa treatment services across Australia.
- Worked on an appeal in the Supreme Court of Victoria in a building insurance contract dispute.
- Involved in a major set of class action proceedings following the collapse of a large agricultural managed investment scheme.