



## Craig J. Edwards

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## OVERVIEW

Craig is a litigation special counsel. He has substantial experience in commercial litigation, public liability, personal injury, insurance, intentional tort, finance, restructuring and insolvency matters. Craig presently manages major commercial litigation matters including defending major public liability claims, intentional torts and general personal injury claims. He also has substantial experience in acting for banks, receivers, administrators and trustees in litigation and has advised on powers and duties.

Craig has significant experience as a solicitor advocate in the Magistrates, County and Supreme Courts in Victoria and the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts in Queensland. He regularly represents clients at mediations. He has also practiced in Queensland and New Zealand.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to K&L Gates, Craig worked at an Australian commercial law firm. He also spent two years working at a full-service law firm in New Zealand.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Institute of Victoria Member.
- Volunteer solicitor for the Western Suburbs Legal Service (now WEstJustice) generalist night service, Laverton, Melbourne from November 2012 to February 2018 (the service was discontinued in April 2018).

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Voidable Transactions in New Zealand", 6th Annual Corporate Insolvency Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, 2006

## EDUCATION

- LL.M., Queensland University of Technology, 2018

- Graduate Certificate, Queensland University of Technology, 2016 *Insolvency and Restructuring*
- LL.B., Queensland University of Technology, 1999 (*Honours*)
- B.A., Griffith University, 1995 (*Applied Ethics*)
- Insolvency Education Program, Australian Restructuring Insolvency and Turnaround Association, 2012

## ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Queensland

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Reform of Personal and Corporate Insolvency Laws in New Zealand", *Insol World*, Fourth Quarter, 2006.
- "Australia's Safe Harbour Law - A Better Outcome for Restructuring and Entrepreneurship?" (2019) 27 *Insolvency Law Journal* 66.
- "Australia and Singapore – Differences in Applications to Set Aside an Arbitral Award?" (2019) 29 *Australasian Dispute Resolution Journal* 234

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

### Insolvency

- Acting for a major bank in various litigious matters involving substantial monies and complicated security structures in Queensland and Victoria.
- Successfully opposed an urgent injunction application for a major Australian bank in the Supreme Court of Victoria. The application was made in less than 24 hours to prevent the auction of two properties by the bank.
- Assisting a liquidator appointed over a company that operated a restaurant and applying to the Court to seek leave from the Supreme Court in Victoria for the liquidator appointed as Voluntary Administrator, negotiating with the director to allow the restaurant to continue to trade, and negotiating with the DOCA proponent.
- Acting for liquidator in a major insolvent trading claim against the director of a high-profile company in Victoria.

### Dispute Resolution and Litigation

- Acting for an energy provider in major litigation.

- Assisted in acting for a hospital in a dispute over privilege of an investigation report on an employee.
- Acting for a travel service provider in defending a claim by an accommodation provider.
- Acting for a major shipping company in New Zealand in a legal action following fraud by its IT Manager.
- Acting for a major casino and its insurers in defence of alleged personal injury, public liability, and intentional tort claims.
- Acting in defence of various insureds in personal injury and other negligence claims.
- Acting for a major institution in respect of high-profile alleged historical abuse claims.
- Acting for Plaintiffs and Defendants in general commercial litigation matters across all Victorian jurisdictions.