



Catherine Crawford

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OVERVIEW

Catherine Crawford is a senior associate in the firm's Finance practice. She is experienced in advising and acting for lenders, corporate clients, directors and insolvency practitioners in all aspects of banking and finance litigation, loan recovery and security enforcement, as well as personal and corporate insolvency matters.

Catherine also has experience in corporate transactional and advisory work.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Catherine's experience at the firm also includes full time secondments to Westpac Banking Group and ORIX in Sydney.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Listed in the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Australia*™ for Insolvency and Reorganisation Law, 2023-2025
- *Australasian Lawyer*, listed as a Rising Star (2022)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Women's Insolvency Network Australia (NSW) Committee member
- Justice Connect - Self Representation Service (Federal Court of Australia) volunteer
- Law Society of New South Wales member
- Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association (ARITA) graduate member

EDUCATION

- Australian Restructuring Insolvency & Turnaround Association Advanced Certificate, University of Technology, Sydney, 2016

- Diploma in Law, Law Extension Committee - University of Sydney, 2014
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, Sydney, 2014
- LL.B., Queen's University Belfast, 2011 (*Honours*)

ADMISSIONS

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

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 27 August 2019, Cross-border cooperation: Federal Court of Australia considers "classic candidate" for coordination with High Court of New Zealand
- 6 May 2019, Federal Court Grants Electronic Notice Application

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Restructuring and Insolvency

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented the sponsor in a Bitcoin-linked put option product
- Acting for insolvency practitioners in relation to voluntary administrations, deeds of company arrangement, liquidations, bankruptcies and receiverships, including in relation to competing priority claims, the Personal Property Securities Act 2009 (Cth), deeds, duties, breaches of directors' duties and disclosure obligations.
- Acting for individuals and corporate entities at public examinations undertaken by liquidators.
- Acting for corporate clients in various complex and contested recovery matters.
- Prosecuting and defending voidable transaction and insolvent trading claims, including unfair preference, unfair loan, unreasonable director related transaction and uncommercial transaction claims.
- Acting for major Australian banks in respect of complaints made by customers to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority.
- Acting for a major Australian bank in the receivership and subsequent liquidation of BBY, an ASX listed Australian stock broking firm.
- Acting in banking and finance and insolvency disputes for the major Australian banks, including mortgagee and loan debt defaults, security realisation and insolvencies, advising in-house counsel, drafting deeds of

settlement, appearing in court, and the day to day conduct of matters to conclusion, with settlement, judgment, winding up or bankruptcy.

- Advising Kerry Ingredients, a global ingredients group, on its AUD225 million disposal of one of the largest prepared bakery businesses in Australia, Pinnacle Bakery, to private equity group Pacific Equity Partners.
- Acting in numerous court applications, including applications seeking the appointment of a liquidator, bankruptcy proceedings, injunctions and other discrete applications.