



## Michael Byrnes

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## OVERVIEW

Michael Byrnes is a senior associate in our complex litigation and dispute resolution team in Brisbane with a focus on commercial litigation.

Michael has acted for a range of commercial clients and private individuals, including property developers, retailers, professional service providers, bodies corporate, agricultural clients, franchisors and manufacturing businesses.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to commencing at K&L Gates, Michael worked as an associate at a boutique commercial litigation practice, focussing on complex commercial disputes, typically in the Supreme Court of Queensland's Commercial List and appellate jurisdictions.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Queensland Law Society

## EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Law (Honors), Bond University, 2014
- Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice, Australian National University, 2015
- Bachelor of Arts, Bond University, 2014

## ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Queensland

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- February 2022, Mediation, Settlement and Commercial Agreements: A Litigator's Perspective

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting in a contract dispute relating to the development and operation of telecommunications infrastructure, including claims for breach of contract, misleading and deceptive conduct and breach of fiduciary duties.
- Acting for service providers in claims for defective building work.
- Acting for a hospitality provider in relation to discrimination allegations.
- Acting for directors in disqualification proceedings initiated by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission.
- Acting for a defendant lessor in a claim for rectification of its lease of a hotel development.
- Advising shareholders and directors in relation to internal corporate disputes, including negotiated separations.
- Working with a government stakeholder in relation to the Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry.
- Acting for clients in proceedings against former solicitors for negligence and breaches of duty.
- Acting for a body corporate in proceedings relating to the Mixed Use Development Act 1993.
- Advising financial services providers in relation to contractual post-employment restraints.
- Acting for a digital service provider against former employees in relation to the misuse of confidential information and solicitation of customers.
- Acting for company directors in claims damages from third parties arising from liability for insolvent trading.