



## Guy Peterson

### Special Counsel

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## OVERVIEW

Guy Peterson focuses on general liability, public liability and insurance coverage matters with over 15 years' experience in defending a wide range of personal injury, property and other claims in all Courts in Victoria and Western Australia.

He has acted for a wide range of government departments and bodies in relation to public liability and "worker to worker" claims and related Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA) recoveries. Guy has also acted for a number of multi-state and national organisations, including casino operators, as well as self-insureds and other insureds in relation to public liability and a range of "worker to worker" claims and related VWA recoveries.

He also has extensive experience in advising insurers and insureds on complex insurance and contractual indemnity issues and claims for contribution and recovery from other insurers.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Guy previously worked as a lawyer at a boutique insurance litigation law firm in Perth for over three years where he advised on a number of insurance and commercial disputes.

Guy then joined K&L Gates where he advised on a number of commercial litigation, personal injury, and insurance coverage matters until he moved to the firm's Melbourne office in 2016 where he has mostly acted for government departments and bodies as well as multi-state and national organisations on a wide range of public liability and "worker to worker" claims.

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Australian Insurance Law Association member

## EDUCATION

- B.S., University of Western Australia, 2005 (*Psychology*)
- LL.B., University of Western Australia, 2005

## ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of Western Australia

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 27 November 2023, Medical Panel Referrals and Determinations in Multi-Defendant Claims

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

### Personal Injury

- Acting for a range of governmental departments and entities, public hospitals, rail passenger service operators, community service organisations, and other publicly funded organisations in relation to various public liability and "Worker to Worker" claims.
- Acting for a casino operator in relation to various public liability claims, including claims for contribution against cleaning contractors and assault claims by patrons.
- Defending VWA and Comcare recovery claims arising after workplace injuries.
- Claims arising from alleged assault by authorised officers and emergency services personnel.
- Defending claims against road authorities arising from the condition of roads and adequacy of inspection regime pursuant to road management plans.
- Advising emergency services organisations in relation to personal injury claims by volunteer members.
- Defending claims of alleged physical and sexual abuse by foster carers or occurring whilst child is in foster care.
- Defending property damage claim from water run off onto adjacent land brought under the Water Act.
- Instructing solicitor in relation to successful arguments on choice of law issues in a proceeding before the Supreme Court of Victoria and Supreme Court of Victoria Court of Appeal regarding applicable limitation periods in Victoria and Western Australia.

### Insurance Coverage

- Advising insurers and insureds on potential insurance coverage issues under Australian insurance policies, including issues of dual insurance and recovery from other insurers.

- Managing claims for reimbursement of defence costs both for and against insurers.
- Pursuing claims against insurers for indemnity and contribution.
- Advising on coverage issues under CTP legislation in Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia, and Queensland for contractor delivery drivers.