



## Craig J. Edwards

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## OVERVIEW

Craig Edwards presently practices in insolvency and general dispute resolution. He has acted for receivers, administrators and trustees in litigation and has advised on powers and duties. Craig also manages major commercial litigation for insurers and major corporations including defending major public liability claims and personal injury claims.

Craig also has significant experience in banking and finance. He has advised major Australian banks and international corporations on securities enforcement, realisation of complicated loan and security transactions, residual debt actions, liquidations, managed investments (litigation in respect of managed investment loans), receiverships and bankruptcy.

## 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*)

## 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

- Restructuring and Insolvency

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Assisting on a receivership for a major bank in relation to potential litigation arising out of the financing of a significant property development. The developer appointed administrators and the bank subsequently appointed receivers.
- Assisting on a major trial for a bank in Western Australia, including speaking with key witnesses overseas and gathering and evaluating evidence for different aspects of the matter. This included research on the 'voidable transactions' legislative regime in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) used by senior counsel in closing submissions in the trial.
- Assisting liquidators in the solvent liquidation of a mining company involving disputes between major shareholders and directors over various management issues. This resulted in a High Court of New Zealand proceeding issued on behalf of the liquidators seeking certain directions.
- Assisting in the receivership of six nursing homes with complicated security arrangements.
- Appointing receivers on behalf of a major Australian bank.
- Acting on litigation involving substantial monies and complicated security structures and claims against two major Australian banks.

- Acting in the successful recovery of a substantial vendor loan with inadequate security over a retirement village.
- Acting for a major shipping company in New Zealand in a legal action following fraud by its IT Manager.
- Acting for a communications company involved in a dispute with high profile minority shareholders. The minority shareholders alleged that certain resolutions to the company's constitution triggered a buyout right. The company sought declarations in the High Court of New Zealand.