



## Christien Corns

### Partner

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### OVERVIEW

Christien Corns has significant experience acting in insurance, professional indemnity and complex commercial litigation, as well as advising clients on defamation and related media issues. He provides clear and practical advice and regularly represents clients in all forms of advocacy and settlement negotiations.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Best Lawyers in Australia*, listed in Litigation (present)

### PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Australia & New Zealand Sports Law Associate member
- Media and Communications Committee of the Australian Law Council member
- Australian Insurance Law Association member
- Melbourne Press Club member
- Law Institute of Victoria

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- "Legal professional privilege – overview and update", presented to selected in-house counsel, 25 February 2020
- "Publishing Risks and Reputation Management," presented to the Australian Human Resources Institute, February 2017
- "Defamation and Social Media," presented to various clients and colleagues in Melbourne and Sydney, August 2011 and 2015
- "Estate Litigation – An update," presented to University3A, July 2012

- "Insurance considerations for your not-for-profit group," presented to the Public Interest Law Clearing House, October 2010

## EDUCATION

- LL.B., La Trobe University, 2004 (*Honours*)
- B.A., La Trobe University, 2003

## ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Victoria

## THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 20 April 2020, From Revenge Porn to Big Data Breaches: NSW Opposition Introduces Bill to Redress "Serious Invasions of Privacy" (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 March 2019, Preserving integrity in Australian sport (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 5 November 2018, Be Careful Rushing In: Defamation Pitfalls for Young Players (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 19 July 2018, Top 5 Tips - Avoiding Defamation on Social Media (*Research Surveys*)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

In addition to the publications mentioned below, Christien regularly reviews contentious articles to be published in the *Law Institute Journal*, the peak journal of the Law Institute of Victoria.

- "Reputation in the Digital Era", *Law Institute Journal*, 2 May 2018
- "New Zealand's Highest Court Makes Life Difficult for D&O Policyholders (and Their Insurers)", *Insurance Coverage Alert*, January 2014
- "Blogging from the shadows: the dark side of social media", *Dynamic Business*, November 2012
- "Facebook: A Liability?", *Dynamic Business*, February 2009
- "Not quite working: the Working with Children Act", *Law Institute Journal*, February 2007

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 March 2018, K&L Gates Names 34 New Partners Across Global Platform (*Press Release*)

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- Professional Liability
- Social Media Law

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acting for Plaintiffs and Defendants in general commercial litigation matters across all Victorian jurisdictions.
- Acting for executors and plaintiff's in multi-million dollar estate litigation, including the estate of the late motor sportsman, Peter Brock.
- Advising in defamation and media related matters for individuals and entities including large Australian broadcasters and publishers, professional sports players associations, and large insurance companies.
- Acting for the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority in defamation and other claims brought against hospitals and other public entities.
- Defending public liability claims arising from workplace incidents.
- Acting for an individual, Adele Moleta in a Facebook defamation claim.