

Anthony Neal KC



Tony Neal KC has a diverse civil and administrative law practice

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts
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COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Building & Construction | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Real Property | Residential & Retail Tenancies

TORT LAW

Appellate | Commissions & Inquiries | Negligence | Professional Negligence

PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Appellate | Commissions & Inquiries | Judicial Review | Native Title

Tony has a well-earned reputation for meticulous preparation and for his in-court skills, particularly as a cross-examiner. Whilst his practice spans most aspects of contract, tort and property-based disputes, as well as administrative law, Tony also has recognised expertise in the areas of building and construction and in native title.

Tony is listed as a "Recommended" senior counsel in Doyle's 2015 National Guide to the Australian Legal Profession.

In keeping with the diversity of his practice Tony recently appeared for the mine owners before the Board of Inquiry into the Hazelwood Mine and for the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the Court of Appeal in an action to dismiss the Committee of Management of the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust. He also advised the Noongar people in their recent, historic settlement agreement with the W.A. Government. The Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department has engaged Tony to undertake a substantial consultancy relating to proposed changes to the Attorney's funding of respondents in native title matters.

Tony also acts as a mediator in civil matters. He is a nationally accredited mediator, Chairman of the Bar's ADR Sub-Committee and an instructor in the Victorian Bar's well regarded Lawyers Mediation Certificate Course. Tony's skills as a mediator were recognised by his appointment to the panel to whom the Federal Court refers mediation of native title matters. He has already overseen a number of successful mediations in this capacity including the De Rose Hill compensation claim, the first of its kind in Australia.

Recent Cases

CONSTRUCTION LAW

Diamond Press v Vaughan - an arbitration in NSW concerning the engineering capacity of concrete slab floors in a printing warehouse complex.

ABB v Transfield - an arbitration concerning the electrical and mechanical subcontracts for the Melbourne CityLink Project.

Minson v Aquatec - a case concerning the engineering capacity of sewerage/water treatment works.

Abigroup v CGA - an arbitration concerning a large commercial development in Melbourne.

Abigroup v BPB - a case concerning the piling system to the extension of Melbourne's South Eastern Freeway.

Benchmark v Hallmark - an expert determination concerning the construction a private hospital at Frankston.

NATIVE TITLE

Hughes on behalf of the Eastern Guruma People v State of Western Australia (No 3) [2016] FCA 840 (25 July 2016)

Clark-Ugle v Clark [2016] VSCA 44 (17 March 2016)

TJ (on behalf of the Yindjibarndi People) v State of Western Australia [2016] FCA 553 (10 March 2016).

Weribone on behalf of the Mandandanji People v State of Queensland [2013] FCA 255 Weribone on behalf of the Mandandanji People v State of Queensland (No 2) [2013] FCA 485 Lovett on behalf of the Gunditjmara People v

State of Victoria (No 5) [2011] FCA 932

Mullett on behalf of the Gunai/Kurnai People v State of Victoria [2010] FCA 1144

Lovett on behalf of the Gunditjmarra People v State of Victoria [2007] FCA 474

Clarke on behalf of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk Peoples v Victoria [2005] FCA 1795

Members of the Yorta Yorta Aboriginal Community v Victoria [2002] HCA 58; 214 CLR 422; 194 ALR 538; 77 ALJR 356

Members of the Yorta Yorta Aboriginal Community v Victoria & Ors [1998] FCA; [2001] FCA 45

Memberships

Chair - Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee