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Gabi Crafti SC practises in large-scale complex commercial litigation.

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Gabi's practice spans disputes involving insurance, major infrastructure projects, shareholders and directors, financial regulation and superannuation, equity, property and professional negligence.

She represents clients at both trial and appellate levels and has appeared in all state and federal courts, including in class actions. She also appears in commercial arbitrations.

Her expertise is consistently recognised in industry guides highlighting leading barristers in commercial litigation, insurance law and construction law.

Gabi is the Chair of the Insurance Law Section of the Commercial Bar Association.

In July 2025, Gabi was appointed to the Victorian Legal Services Board as a director.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards legislation

Recent Cases

COMMERCIAL

INPEX Operations Australia Pty Ltd v Akzonobel NV: acting for applicants in Federal Court proceeding in multibillion dollar claim for misleading conduct in respect of a protective coating product used at the Ichthys LNG onshore processing plant in the Northern Territory, including in [2023] FCA 1248, [2023] FCA 1616, [2024] FCA 1221, [2025] FCA 320 and [2025] FCA 503

Wadren Pty Ltd v AIG Australia Pty Ltd [2024] VSC 807: acted for professional indemnity insurer in resisting application for preliminary discovery of confidential insurance documents. See also Wadren Pty Ltd v Algeri [2024] QSC 109, and Wadren Pty Ltd v Probuild Constructions (Aust) Pty Ltd [2023] VSC 348

Calder & Ors v Hanson Construction Materials Pty Ltd: acted for plaintiffs in commercial dispute regarding land and aggregate extraction in Supreme Court of Victoria, settled

Re Legal Super Pty Ltd [2023] VSC 545: appointed as amicus curiae by Supreme Court of Victoria in judicial advice application by trustee of superannuation fund

Riseley v Suncorp Portfolio Services Limited & Anor: acted for Suncorp in Full Court of Federal Court appeal [2022] FCAFC 8 against decision in [2021] FCA 472, regarding review of decision of Superannuation Complaints Tribunal

Lanhai Pty Ltd v 7-Eleven Stores Pty Ltd: acted for plaintiff franchisees in successful claim that 7-Eleven misled or deceived them, heard in Supreme Court of Victoria, including in [2021] VSC 587 and [2022] VSC 132

Re CARE Super Pty Ltd [2021] VSC 805 and (No 2) [2021] VSC 854: acted as junior to court-appointed amicus curiae in Victorian Supreme Court judicial advice application brought by industry superannuation fund trustee

Re HEST Australia Ltd (2021) 66 VR 338: acted as junior to court-appointed contradictor in Victorian Supreme Court judicial advice application brought by industry superannuation fund trustee

Ganesh v National Australia Bank Limited [2021] VSCA 45: acted for successful appellant in banking dispute in Victorian Court of Appeal

Opal Tower: acted for insurer in Federal Court indemnity dispute, including in *Icon Co (NSW) Pty Ltd v Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Australian Branch* [2020] FCA 1493 and on appeal in [2021] FCAFC 126 and [2021] FCAFC 131

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Clark v National Australia Bank Limited & Anor: acted for MLC Limited in Federal Court class action regarding credit card insurance and personal loan insurance, including in [2020] FCA 652

ASIC v Dover Financial Advisors Pty Ltd: acted for respondents in application for pecuniary penalties in Federal Court, including in (2019) 140 ACSR 561, (2019) 140 ACSR 635 and (2021) 150 ACSR 185

CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

CPB Contractors Pty Ltd & Anor v Aurecon Australasia Pty Limited & Ors: acting for SMEC Australia Pty Ltd and AECOM Australia Pty Ltd in Supreme Court of Victoria engineering design dispute in relation to West Gate Tunnel

Acting for State of Victoria in multiple recovery proceedings for cladding rectification works, including in *Owners Corporation 1 Plan No PS 707553K v Shangri-La Construction Pty Ltd* (ACN 130 534 244) [2023] VCC 1473 and *Owners Corporation No. 1 PS600940E & Ors v L U Simon Builders Pty Ltd & Ors* [2023] VCAT 630

High Capacity Metro Trains Project: acting for contractor in arbitration regarding dispute about electrolysis

Monash University v Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd: acting for builder in construction defects claim

Wadren Pty Ltd & Anor v Probuild Constructions (Aust) Pty Ltd (subject to DOCA) & Ors: acting for Probuild in Supreme Court of Victoria construction defects dispute in relation to Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre

Fairbank Haven Pty Ltd v Merkon Constructions Pty Ltd: acted for PI insurer of deregistered project manager in Supreme Court of Victoria construction defects dispute, settled

LCT-MRE Nominees Pty Ltd & Anor v Thiess Pty Limited & Ors: acted for builder's liability insurer in dispute regarding construction of Lane Cove Tunnel in NSW Supreme Court

Downer EDI Engineering Power Pty Ltd v APA Orbost Gas Plant Pty Ltd: acted for APA in Supreme Court of Victoria construction dispute, settled

Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road road-widening works: acted for Head, Transport for Victoria in arbitration regarding dispute with contractor, settled

Jemena Northern Gas Pipeline Pty Ltd v Civmec Constructions & Engineering Pty Ltd: acted for Jemena in \$30 million dispute regarding construction of Northern Gas Pipeline in Northern Territory, including appearing in [2019] NTSC 52 and [2019] NTSC 54

Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd v Aegis Correctional Partnership Pty Ltd: acted for Multiplex in Supreme Court proceeding regarding construction of Ararat prison, settled

Adelaide City Tramline Extension: acted for Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd in a dispute with the South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure

Outer Suburban Arterial Roads Western Roads Upgrade Project, Victoria: advised Amey Consulting Australia Pty Ltd in dispute with WBHO Infrastructure Pty Ltd regarding design services

Memberships

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