

RACHEL LIANG

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative law

Arbitration

Class actions

Competition and consumer

Contract

Corporations

Equity and trusts

Media and defamation

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Queensland University of Technology (2016)

Bachelor of Journalism, Queensland University of Technology (2016)

The College of Law, Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (2017)

ADMISSIONS

Admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and High Court of Australia (2017)

CAREER HISTORY

Prior to joining the bar, Rachel gained considerable litigation and dispute resolution experience as a solicitor at a national and a leading boutique law firm. She conducted a range of complex and large-scale commercial litigation. Rachel practices in all State and Federal Courts and tribunals.

November 2024 to date	Barrister in private practice at the Queensland Bar
2022 to 2024	Senior Associate at MinterEllison
2021 to 2022	Associate at MinterEllison
2017 to 2021	Solicitor at Bartley Cohen

SELECTED CASES

As a solicitor

Class actions

- Acting for a trustee of superannuation funds and a provider of superannuation insurance in a class action by holders of superannuation insurance which involved, inter alia, allegations of breach of statutory duties (including failure to act in members' best interests) and failure to avoid conflicts of interest
- Acting for ASX and NSX listed company in threatened class actions which involved, inter alia, allegations as to the fitness for purpose of plastic water pipes used in residential homes in Australia

Financial services

- Acting for online broker which provided contract for difference trading services in a mistake / rectification case in NSW Supreme Court
- Acting for US-based asset management firm in domestic, ad hoc arbitration relating to the non-payment of performance fees
- Acting for employees of a major Australian bank in responding to notices from ASIC (and providing witness statements under compulsion)
- Advising major Australian bank in relation to contractual dispute with service provider and potential quantum meruit claim

General commercial

- Acting for plaintiff in NSW Supreme Court proceeding involving dispute as to construction of licence agreements for global patents of supercapacitors
- Advising Australian investment manager in relation to dispute with Canadian-based global real estate investment company arising from joint venture
- Acting in Qld Supreme Court proceedings involving allegations of misleading and deceptive conduct and negligence in relation to purchase of a private hospital
- Acting for claimant in ICC arbitration involving Mozambican substantive law and Swiss procedural law

Other

- Acting for pharmacy ownership regulator in relation to declaratory relief sought by banner group in the NSW Supreme Court and in related administrative review proceedings commenced by a pharmacist in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal
- Acting for director charged with criminal offences under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld) in District Court prosecution