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PRACTICE

Broad practice in civil and commercial litigation.

Matters in which Chris Curtis has been briefed include:

- Acted in substantial shareholder dispute involving a large marina near Brisbane (*Jensen & Ors v RQYS Marina Ltd & Ors* [2014] QSC 243; *Jensen & Ors v RQYS Marina Ltd & Ors* [2015] QCA 153)
- One of a number of counsel acting for the State of Queensland in the “Stolen Wages” class action from late 2017 (eventually settled with Court approval: *Pearson v State of Queensland (No 2)* [2020] FCA 619)
- Numerous proceedings arising out of the winding-up of Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd in the period January 2016 to November 2019 (generally acting for the company in liquidation, its administrators and one of its two groups of liquidators) (see particularly *Palmer v Ayres* (2017) 259 CLR 478; *Parbery v QNI Metals Pty Ltd (No 15)* [2020] QSC 143)
- A High Court appeal regarding contract issues in industrial relations context and restitutionary issues (appeal from *WorkPac Pty Ltd v Rossato* [2020] FCAFC 84; judgment pending)
- Trial of copyright infringement claims (*Whitsunday Aerial Solutions Professionals Pty Ltd v Emprja Pty Ltd* [2021] FCCA 1548)
- Otherwise a broad spectrum of civil proceedings including contractual and general commercial disputes, consumer law claims, banking and securities disputes, property disputes, intellectual property disputes and other diverse areas.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

- Before coming to the Bar in 2014 was employed as a solicitor in a commercial litigation practice at a major firm and spent a year as an Associate to a Judge of the District Court of Queensland.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons IIB) (2009)
- Master of Laws (2011)