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PRACTICE

James has a broad commercial dispute resolution practice. He has experience across a broad range of areas including contracts, construction and infrastructure, joint venture disputes, consumer and competition law, and professional negligence. Called to the Bar in 2007, James has acted in a range of courts, arbitral bodies, expert determinations, commissions of inquiry, administrative tribunals, and in mediations. Since 2016 James has been recognised in *Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession* as a leading commercial litigation and dispute resolution junior counsel.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Called to the Queensland Bar in March 2007
- Admitted to the Supreme Court of Queensland as a solicitor in February 2006
- Admitted to the Supreme Court of New South Wales as a solicitor in July 2000
- Admitted to the High and Federal Courts of Australia

RECOMMENDATIONS

Doyle's Guide - Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers

- 2016, 2022 Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers (Queensland) – Leading Junior Counsel
- 2017 - 2021 Commercial Litigation & Disputes Barristers (Queensland) – Recommended Junior Counsel

Doyle's Guide - Leading Arbitration Barristers

- 2018 - 2019 Leading Arbitration Junior Counsel (Australia)

Doyle's Guide - Construction & Infrastructure Barristers

- 2017 - 2020 Construction & Infrastructure Barristers (Queensland) – Recommended Junior Counsel

EXPERIENCE

Matters in which James has been briefed include:

- Acting for a franchiser in a franchising dispute (2023)
- Acting for an architect in a professional negligence claim (2022)
- Acting for Fluor Australia Pty Ltd and Fluor Corporation with respect to Supreme Court proceedings brought by Santos Ltd in relation to the construction of CSG infrastructure (2021 - 2022)

- Acting for the Queensland Treasurer in relation to a judicial review application ([2021] QSC 335)
- Advising Queensland Treasury with respect to declarations under the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* in relation to railway and coal handling services (2020)
- *Aurizon Network Pty Ltd v Glencore Coal Queensland Pty Limited & Ors* ([\[2019\] 1 QR 392](#); and on appeal [\[2020\] QCA 182](#))
- *GPS Power Pty Ltd & Ors v CS Energy Limited* ([\[2018\] QSC 294](#) and on appeal, 2020)
- *Sanrus Pty Ltd & Ors v Monto Coal 2 & Ors* ([\[2019\] QSC 199](#); [\[2019\] QSC 241](#))
- *Aurizon Network Pty Ltd v Glencore Coal Queensland Pty Limited & Ors* (expert determination before Mr R. Holt KC, 2019)
- *Frieda River Limited v Highlands Frieda Limited* (arbitration before the Hon. Mr R. Chesterman KC, 2018)
- *Oztech v The Public Trustee of Queensland* ([\[2016\] FCA 970](#); [\[2016\] FCA 1153](#); [\[2016\] FCA 1162](#); [\[2018\] FCA 819](#))
- *CS Energy Ltd v Callide Coalfields (Sales) Pty Ltd* ([\[2014\] QSC 216](#); [\[2015\] QSC 142](#); [\[2016\] QSC 199](#))
- Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry, 2015-2016 (acting for an interested party, the Hon. Lawrence Springborg)
- *Thiess Pty Ltd and Anor v Arup Pty Ltd and Anor* (arbitration before the Hon. Mr D. Byrne KC in relation to the Airport Link Tunnel, 2013-2015)
- *Meridien AB Pty Ltd and Anor v Jackson and Ors* [\[2012\] QSC 260](#); and on appeal [\[2013\] QCA 121](#); [\[2014\] 1 Qd R 142](#)
- *Thiess Pty Ltd and Anor v Arup Pty Ltd and Anor* [\[2012\] QSC 185](#); and on appeal: *Thiess Pty Ltd v Arup Pty Ltd* [\[2013\] QCA 65](#)

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Blake Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst Australia)

January – December 2006; March 1999 – August 2004

- James worked as a solicitor in the Litigation Group and the Competition and Consumer Protection Group in the Sydney office of Blake Dawson Waldron (now Ashurst Australia).

Reserve Bank of Australia

January 1996 – February 1999

- The RBA is Australia's central bank and is responsible for the conduct of monetary policy in Australia. James worked for three years as an economist with the RBA.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction), University of Oxford, October 2004 – July 2005
- Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), University of Queensland, 1990 – 1995
- Bachelor of Economics (First Class Honours), University of Queensland, 1990 – 1993