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Richard has a broad civil practice, with a particular interest in commercial disputes, administrative law, digital assets and regulatory matters. He appears in all State and Federal courts and tribunals.

Prior to being called to the bar, Richard was a partner in the commercial litigation team at HopgoodGanim Lawyers. Richard has 20 years of experience as a commercial litigation solicitor.

During that time, Richard's areas of expertise included property, resources and mining, shareholder, joint venture and company disputes, regulatory prosecutions, professional disciplinary matters and all aspects of contractual disputes. Richard has run or been involved in matters in the courts and tribunals of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Western Australia and the Northern Territory. Richard has also participated in many mediations during his career.

Before joining the bar, Richard was the Deputy Chair of the Innovation Committee of the Queensland Law Society and was a founding member of the digital assets team at HopgoodGanim Lawyers.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative Law, Appellate, Banking and Financial Services, Building and Construction, Communications and Media, Competition and Consumer, Contract and General Commercial, Corporations, Digital Assets, Equity and Trusts, Inquests, Commissions of Inquiry and Statutory Tribunals, Insolvency, Insurance, Land Law & Property, Mining, Energy and Resources, Professional Discipline and Regulatory.

PRIOR EMPLOYMENT

Prior to being called to the bar, Richard was a partner in the commercial litigation team at HopgoodGanim Lawyers. Richard has worked in the areas of commercial litigation, administrative law and professional disciplinary and regulatory during his 20 years as a solicitor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Best Lawyers in Australia – Litigation (as a solicitor) 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

EXPERIENCE

Selected reported decisions (as a solicitor)

- *Wyzenbeek v Australasian Marine Imports Pty Ltd (No 4)* [2022] FCA 201 - Insurance dispute in the Federal Court of Australia.
- *Courtney v Chalfen* [2020] QCA 294 and *Courtney v Chalfen* [2020] QSC 195 - Private international law dispute in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

- *Rozario & Anor v Delta Law Pty Ltd & Ors* [2019] QSC 159 - Corporations dispute in the Supreme Court.
- *Pinehurst Nominees Pty Ltd v Coeur de Lion Investments Pty Ltd* [2014] QSC 25 and *Pinehurst Nominees Pty Ltd v Coeur de Lion Investments Pty Ltd* [2015] QSC 122 - Contractual dispute in the Supreme Court.
- *Waratah Coal Pty Ltd v Mitchell & Anor* [2013] 1 Qd R 90; [2010] QCA 264 and *Waratah Coal Pty Ltd v Mitchell & Anor* [2010] QSC 42 - Judicial review application relating to an exploration permit for coal in the Supreme Court and subsequent appeal in the Court of Appeal.
- *Casper Corp Pty Ltd & Ors v Gorman & Ors* [2011] QSC 3 - Joint venture dispute in the Supreme Court.
- *Benzlaw & Associates Pty Ltd v Medi-Aid Centre Foundation Ltd* [2007] QSC 233 - Joint venture and security dispute in the Supreme Court.
- *Northbuild Constructions Pty Ltd v Capital Finance Aust Ltd & Anor* (2007) 23 BCL 70; [2006] QSC 81 - Construction and finance dispute in the Supreme Court.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Called to the Queensland Bar (2023)
- Admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of Queensland (1999)
- Admitted as a solicitor to the High Court of Australia (1999)

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Queensland
- Bachelor of Arts (UQ), University of Queensland

