



Melinda Foley

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Melinda Foley practises predominantly in commercial litigation and has a broad range of experience in this field including the areas of building and construction, trade practices, financial planning litigation, leasing disputes, debt recovery and contract disputes.

Melinda also has experience in the fields of employment law, discrimination and sexual harassment.

Areas of Practice

- Commercial litigation
- Building and construction
- Employment law

Experience

Melinda's experience includes acting for both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of commercial disputes, including claims for specific performance of sale contracts, the termination of written leases and compensation for loss of future rental, the recovery of compensation for misleading and deceptive conduct and misrepresentation, relief from unconscionable agreements, claims for recovery of damages due to a breach of contract and claims for recovery of compensation for negligent investment advice.

Melinda also has conducted building tribunal litigation, including substantial claims for defective footings and structural deficiencies.

Melinda has experience in employment law and has been involved in a wide range of employment matters including unfair dismissal applications (both acting for the employer and the employee), district court proceedings to obtain an injunction to prevent a former employee from breaching the employment contract and advising on the statutory and legal requirements to allow an employer to effect a number of employee redundancies.

Melinda has experience in a number of jurisdictions, including the Magistrates, District and Supreme Courts of Queensland, the Federal Magistrate's Court of Australia, the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, the Queensland Building Tribunal and the Anti-discrimination Tribunal.

In 1996 Melinda was the recipient of the North Queensland Law Association prize. Awarded for the highest cumulative marks in succession law, civil procedure, taxation law and administrative law.

Qualifications

- Admitted as a Solicitor of the High Court of Australia, 2005
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- Bachelor of Laws, James Cook University, 1996