



Luckbir Singh

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Luckbir's approach is to understand his client's business and desired outcome so as to provide a legal service, which not only provides a high degree of technical proficiency but also reflects the practical commercial world realities.

Luckbir's experience in commercial areas of practice covers a broad range of matters including duties, capital gains tax, body corporate, trusts, entity structuring, large scale commercial transactions, large scale property development, dealing with and advising on GST, business contracts, leasing, drafting contracts for unique and one-off arrangements, banking and finance, securities, mergers and acquisitions and corporate advisory affairs.

He has a straight to the point, commercially driven and can do attitude with a careful focus on detail, understanding and care for clients.

Areas of Practice

- Commercial law
- Property and business transfers
- Corporations law
- Indirect Revenue law (including GST and duty)
- Body Corporate
- Complex Property Development, Land Tenure and Titling

Experience

Luckbir has had experience in a variety of different commercial matters with some notable legal milestones including winning the Queensland Law Society's Outstanding Achievement by a Young Lawyer award in 2008.

His involvement in developing the agreement between Douglas Shire Council, Mossman Mill and the Commonwealth of Australia for the provision of funds to establish a greenhouse gas abatement programme (including ethanol production) in Far North Queensland was also a notable achievement, a project valued at \$35 million.

Luckbir has advised on and documented agreements for the sugarcane mills in relation to the *Sugar Industry Act*, and prepared documentation on behalf of a retirement village operator in relation to the *Retirement Villages Act*. He has also acted for various banks in relation to commercial and litigious matters including bankruptcy proceedings and mortgagee in possession sales.

In 2001, Luckbir acted for Cairns City Council in its successful recovery of \$2.5 million in outstanding rates.

Luckbir has also acted for a large Australian pharmaceutical company in its successful bid to obtain work visas and extensions for its employees in the United States, which enabled the company to set up and establish its North American division.

He has also advised on and conveyed wide a variety of businesses including, retail stores, shopping centres, construction companies, service stations, a regional newspaper and insurance businesses. His experience also spans the establishment of public and private companies, trusts and incorporated associations, joint ventures and partnership, as well as the drafting of independent contractor agreements, security arrangements, share sales, confidentiality agreements, put and sell options, shareholder agreements, mortgages and leases.

Luckbir has acted for the Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Cairns in various matters, but of most note in the sale of Cairns' only privately owned hospital, "Calvary Cairns" to Ramsay Health Care.

He has also acted in the sale by a partner's interest in one of North Queensland's premier privately owned companies, CEC Group.

Luckbir has been involved in the sale of one of Cairns' largest ship building companies and the newspaper "Torres News". Luckbir has also acted for KPMG and ING Bank in the sale of Orchid Plaza Shopping Centre and the Supreme Court application relating to this sale (which was favourably resolved) involving National Australia Bank. In addition Luckbir has been involved in various development projects from Cardwell to Port Douglas. In particular Luckbir has acted in The Beach Club - Palm Cove development and the sale of the management rights of this complex to Outrigger Australia. Recently Luckbir has become heavily involved in capital raising ventures that require the preparation of prospectus documents, including most notably the Cairns Taipans Basketball public share raising.

Luckbir has provided commercial advice and guidance to various large scale private and public companies, firms and local authorities.

In 2001 Luckbir was the winner of the Queensland Law Society Plain English Drafting competition.

In 2008 Luckbir was acknowledged for his outstanding achievement as a young lawyer by receiving the Queensland Law Society's prestigious Queensland Young Lawyer award.

Qualifications & Memberships

- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, 2002
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Queensland, 2000
- FNQ Law Association
- Queensland Law Society's Outstanding Achievement by a Young Lawyer award (2008)
- Member of Tax Institute of Australia