



Thomas Whatman

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OVERVIEW

Thomas Whatman is a lawyer in the Commercial Disputes team focusing on insolvency and restructuring, commercial litigation, debt recovery and property disputes. Thomas is skilled in managing matters from commencement through to resolution, providing strategic legal advice, drafting complex legal documents and pleadings, and representing clients in court and alternative dispute resolution processes.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining K&L Gates, Thomas worked as a lawyer in the commercial litigation team at a boutique Australian law firm in Melbourne.

EDUCATION

- LL.B., Monash University, 2024 (*Hons*)

ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Victoria

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Restructuring and Insolvency

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised receivers on admitting or rejecting Form 535 proofs of debt for pre-appointment Supreme Court solicitor and counsel fees valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

- Advised receivers on unperfected security interests and enforcement of asset realisations under the *Personal Property Securities Act 2009* (Cth) and *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).
- Advised directors on the enforceability of non-compete and non-disparagement clauses in a settlement deed and mediation agreement involving the transfer of a business valued at over AU\$1 million.
- Advised a director on various issues during a dispute with their company's liquidator, including their potential liability to indemnify the liquidator for fees and disbursements under a deed of indemnity.