



Renée Krikorian

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OVERVIEW

Renée Krikorian is a commercial litigator with experience in the strategic handling and resolution of a wide range of corporate and commercial disputes, or potential disputes, for diverse corporate clients in the construction, funds management, property, pharmaceutical and renewable electricity generation industries.

She has experience in managing complex and sensitive matters including the enforcement of contractual rights and obligations, the resolution of *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) disputes including directors' duties and shareholder rights and remedies and the defence of professional negligence claims and medical negligence claims.

Renée also has qualifications, and experience practising, as an orthoptist. This has provided her with a unique set of skills and an invaluable insight into the expectations and practical application of legal advice relevant and related to the medical and health industry.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Renée was a senior associate at a national Australian commercial law firm based in Sydney.

Prior to 2000, Renée practised as an orthoptist in both the private and public health sector.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Best Lawyers in Australia*, listed in Alternative Dispute Resolution Law (2021-present)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of New South Wales
- Women Lawyers Association, New South Wales
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
- Orthoptic Association Australia

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Renée presents medico-legal seminars to medical specialists drawing on her experience in the medical and health industry.

EDUCATION

- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, College of Law, 2000
- LL.B., The University of New South Wales, 2000
- Bachelor of Applied Science, University of Sydney, 1994 (*Orthoptics*)

ADMISSIONS

- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of New South Wales

LANGUAGES

- Armenian

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 18 February 2020, Legal Professional Privilege (*Webinar*)
- March 2019, Legal Professional Privilege (*Webinar*)

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Securities and Transactional Litigation

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Defending Honda Australia in Takata airbag consumer class action brought on behalf of 437,000 vehicle owners or lessees.
- Representing a minority note holder in a dispute concerning the proper construction of a trust deed and alleged breaches of the trustee's obligations.
- Representing 32 shareholder vendors of a company that develops and operates a gas fired electricity generation business (and owns and operates four waste coal mine gas power stations in New South Wales)

and Queensland) in the defence of a significant (AUD40 million plus) claim alleging breaches of warranties contained in a share sale agreement, misleading or deceptive conduct and insider trading.

- Representing an Isle of Man hedge fund in litigation concerning the validity of a resolution passed at a meeting to remove the trustee of the fund.
- Representing an international engineering and design company in litigation arising from the construction of the Epping to Chatswood Railway Line in Sydney, Australia (AUD7 million plus).
- Representing an international engineering and design company in all litigation (AUD40 million plus) arising from a collapse during the construction of the Lane Cove Tunnel in Sydney, Australia.
- Representing a company that operates Australia's largest markets in proceedings commenced by a stall holder concerning the applicability of the Retail Leases Act 1994 (NSW) to the markets.
- Litigating a significant claim by a major building products company in relation to the liability to remediate environmental contamination in five separate sites in New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.
- Representing a major building products company in obtaining a Mareva injunction against, and recovering misappropriated money from, a former contractor who committed fraud.
- Representing a minority shareholder of a global investment fund in relation to the shareholder's right of redemption and alleged misleading conduct by the secured interest holder of the shareholder's investment.