

Daniel St George

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OVERVIEW

Daniel St George is a commercial litigator with more than 21 years' experience in commercial litigation and dispute resolution. He has acted for a large range of clients including insurers, financial institutions, ASX listed companies, property developers, residential construction companies, government bodies and small & medium sized enterprises.

Daniel currently focuses on the defense of complex professional negligence claims, including against corporate lawyers in the Supreme and Federal Courts. He also provides advice to policyholders on disputed insurance coverage claims and on the implications of policy wordings.

Daniel focusses on providing strategic and practical advice to his clients and proactively resolving disputes on a commercial basis.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Daniel has worked in the commercial litigation team at a national law firm based in Sydney as well in smaller boutique law firms.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of New South Wales member
- Business Network International participant
- Urban Development Institute of Australia (NSW) events
- NSW Chamber of Commerce events
- Australian Insurance Law Association member

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Daniel has presented seminars on topical legal issues to lawyer and non-lawyer audiences, including business networking events.

EDUCATION

- Diploma of Legal Practice, University of Newcastle, 1998
- LL.B., University of Newcastle, 1998 *(Honours)*
- B.Com, University of Newcastle, 1996 *(Accounting)*

ADMISSIONS

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

LANGUAGES

- Polish

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Informal Communication with Judge's Chambers: A Professional and Risk Management Issue” [Law Society Journal, June 2016] (co-author with Greg Couston)
- “Informal Wills: The Duty of a Lawyer to Consider, Discuss and Make an Informal Will for a Client” [Law Society Journal, August 2014] (co-author with Greg Couston)
- “Insurance Relationships Revisited” [Mondaq, 1 February 2014] (co-author with Greg Couston).

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acted for company directors in the defence of a large Federal Court shareholder oppression claim
- Acted in class action proceedings in the Federal Court concerning managed investment schemes and breaches of directors duties: Mercedes Holdings Pty Ltd v Waters (No 5) [2011] FCA 1428

- Acted for the senior executives of a financial institution at private ASIC examinations in response to a major ASIC financial services investigation
- Acted in Class 4 proceedings in the NSW Land & Environment Court concerning the alleged unlawful use of commercial premises
- Acted in Class 1 proceedings in the NSW Land & Environment Court concerning the approval of a manufactured home estate development
- Acted for a policyholder in the construction industry in response to its insurer declining indemnity on a large professional negligence claim
- Acted for a lawyer in defence of professional disciplinary proceedings brought by the NSW Law Society
- Acted for a Chinese company in NSW Supreme Court proceedings in obtaining an Australian judgment in relation to a disputed international arbitration Award for an amount in excess of $US 20 million: ALYK (HK) Limited v Caprock Commodities Trading Pty Ltd and China Construction Bank 1006; [2016] NSWSC 764; [2016] NSWSC 901
- Defence of a professional negligence claim against a property lawyer in relation to the drafting of a commercial agreement
- Defence of Supreme Court proceedings against a commercial lawyer arising from advice provided in relation to a “reverse mortgage” financial product
- Defence of a professional negligence claim in relation to an apartment complex with various structural defects
- Defence of a high profile professional negligence claim against a national law firm claim involving complex commercial and taxation issues. This matter resolved at mediation, however proceeded to hearing against the other defendant: Symond v Gadens Lawyers Sydney Pty Ltd [2013] NSWSC 955
- Successful defence of a complex professional negligence claim against a commercial law firm arising from a joint venture industrial property development: Hudson Investment Group v Atanaskovic [2013] NSWSC 64
- Defence of a professional negligence claim against a lawyer in relation to an alleged phoenix scheme: Fonterra Brands (Australia) Pty Ltd v Viropoulos [2013] FCA 657