

# JOHN DRUMMOND

Barrister

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A long-standing member of Wardell Chambers, John maintains a broad commercial and equity practice. The principal areas in which he advises and appears at both trial and appellate level extends to commercial disputes, building and construction law, co-ownership of land disputes, wills and probate, trusts and professional negligence.

He has acquired considerable knowledge and experience in highly specialised fields such as aviation crash law, having appeared in landmark cases both domestically and internationally in this area. Practising in such area has necessitated superior analytical and forensic skills, which John possesses and for which he is recommended.

John's client base is diverse, regularly appearing unled for the State Government, individuals and estates. The depth and breadth of his practice has seen him appear in many jurisdictions, including in mediations. Often briefed in large, complex matters where significant sums of money are at stake, John is known for the precision with which he prepares his matters, including drafting and reviewing evidence. He is hard working, thorough, well prepared and has a meticulous attention to detail.

John possesses highly developed mathematical and financial management skills, having graduated from a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting and Finance, from the University of New South Wales. He has been the Treasurer of Wardell Chambers for many years. Equipped with such knowledge has been highly beneficial to John's practice, as it has enabled him to understand and interpret complex financial expert reports and expeditiously grasp accounts and balance sheets in the matters in which he is briefed.

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### ADMISSIONS TO PRACTICE

- 1980      Called to the Bar of New South Wales

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1978      Bachelor of Laws: University of New South Wales
- 1975      Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Finance): University of New South Wales

### PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| ▪ Commercial – Building, Construction, Contracts | ▪ Equity – Trusts, Wills, Probate, Real Property, Co-ownership |
| ▪ Insurance                                      | ▪ Construction                                                 |
| ▪ Real Property                                  | ▪ Civil Appeals                                                |

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1980 – present      Barrister, Wardell Chambers

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, New South Wales Bar Association

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## SELECT CASES

- *State of New South Wales v Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd* – Loss of Polair 4 BK111 Helicopter (2000)
- *Roadshow Entertainment v ACN 053 006 269 Pty Ltd* (1998) 42 NSWLR 462 – Contract; Accrued Rights
- *Fexuto Pty Ltd v Bosnjak Holdings Pty Ltd* (2001) 37 ACSR 672 – Court of Appeal Recovery of Trust Property for Westbus
- *Bird v Bird* 2013 NSWCA 262 – Estate; Executors Liability for Waste/Devastavit
- *Campbell v. Chabert-McKay* 2010 NSWSC 859 – Family Provision; Daughter
- *Paul Galea & Ors v D Farrugia & Ors* 2013 NSWCA 164 – Contract Breach; Importation of Asbestos Fill
- *Bankstown Trotting & Recreational Club Ltd v Chisholm* 2016 NSWCA 274 – Estoppel; Contract
- *Esined No. 9 v Moylan Retirement Solutions Pty Ltd* 2012/00374893 – Professional Negligence; Insurance (awaiting judgment)
- *Monaghan Surveyors Pty Ltd v. Stratford Glen-Avon Pty Ltd* 2012 NSWCA 94 – Negligent Surveying; Damages
- *Roluke Pty Ltd & Anor v Lamaro Consultants Pty Ltd* 2008 NSWCA 323 – Negligent Engineering of Car Showroom
- *Roluke Pty Ltd & Anor v Lamaro Consultants Pty Ltd (No 2)* 2009 NSWCA 21 – Costs; Reassessment of Damages
- *Stanley v Stanley* 2017/00212390 - Interfamily Agreement; Rescission; Breach of Executors Fiduciary Duties
- *Nadilo & Ors v Souris* 2019 NSWSC 108 – Resulting Trust
- *CB Australia Ltd v Shepherd* 2017 NSWSC 1768 – Breach of Share Sale Agreement
- *Owners Corporation of Strata Plan 69746 v IPM Pty Ltd* 2013/00354979 – Building Construction; 4 multistorey blocks of residential unit
- *Manning v McElhinney* 2015 – Real Property Co-Ownership Dispute