


Construction Litigation Lawyer

Ashurst's Dispute Resolution team, Sydney

Recruitment

About Ashurst	<p>Ashurst is a leading progressive global law firm with a rich history spanning more than 200 years. We are proud of our history and are future-focused, having expanded into new technologies through our NewLaw division, Ashurst Advance, and our consulting arm. Our in-depth understanding of our clients and commitment to providing excellent standards of service have seen us become a trusted adviser to local and global corporates, financial institutions and governments in all areas of commercial law. To find out more please visit www.ashurst.com.</p>
Team overview	<p>Ashurst has a market-leading dispute resolution practice and is the choice of many leading companies, international financial institutions and government when it comes to resolving important and complex disputes. It is rated as a Tier 1 practice in Asia/Pacific Legal 500 for Dispute Resolution.</p> <p>We have a strong focus on industry sectors: banks and funds, energy and resources and public and private infrastructure.</p> <p>Our partners help resolve some of the most significant and complex disputes in the country, as well as high profile and cutting edge litigation. Our market leading construction dispute resolution practice provides construction law and dispute management advice in relation to all aspects of domestic and international project delivery. We are privileged to have a primary advisory role on some of the region's most significant resources and infrastructure projects in mining, LNG, rail and roads.</p> <p>Our teams are responsive, easy to work with and pragmatic; we manage disputes so that there are no surprises. We offer transparent and innovative proposals on fees and employ project management skills and training to resource and manage disputes efficiently.</p>
Job overview	<p>We have an excellent opportunity for a Lawyer to join our dispute resolution team in Sydney. The successful candidate will have experience in the management of construction and project litigation ideally in the resources and infrastructure sectors.</p> <p>While this role is based in Sydney, it is expected that the successful candidate will be able to work closely with the broader regional team on resources and infrastructure project disputes and will likely involve opportunities to work on matters in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and</p>

	Perth, and outside of Australia advising our blue chip client base in a range of industry sectors.
Essential skills and experience	<p>To succeed in this role you will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-4 years' experience as a lawyer with construction dispute experience gained within a top-tier firm (or by a combination of top-tier and inhouse) preferably within the resources and infrastructure sectors. • Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal. • Superior drafting ability. • A commercial approach and an ability to articulate and negotiate effectively. • Strong attention to detail with well-developed analytical skills. • The ability to be team-focused provide leadership and mentoring to the juniors in the team whilst also work independently. • A proactive, positive and energetic approach with a commitment to providing excellent service and, a desire to interact with the market and build client relationships. <p>At Ashurst, you'll have the opportunity to work in an environment that encourages learning and excellence with some of Australia's leading professionals. You will also have a range of social, sporting and health benefits available to you.</p>
Career advancement	An established Senior Associate Career Path Framework is in place clearly defining expectations and outlining opportunities for promotion.
Secondment opportunities	Opportunities often arise for Senior Associates to spend time on secondment in house with a key client of the firm. From time to time, secondment opportunities also come up within other Ashurst offices in UK/Europe, Middle East, North America, Asia and Australia.
Background checks	In order to comply with regulatory and client requirements, Ashurst will undertake appropriate vetting of staff. When applicants accept a job offer, Ashurst, alongside a specialist provider, will undertake professional verification and background checks. These checks are only undertaken with consent, and in accordance with our legal and regulatory obligations.
Partner Profiles :	
	<p>Ian Bolster is the Co-head of DR AsiaPac team. He leads a class actions practice, and is prominent in major commercial and financial services disputes and enforcement matters. He has acted on some of the country's most complex and high-profile matters, and regularly writes and presents on class actions, regulatory enforcement and corporate crime.</p> <p>Ian is known for being incisive, commercial, pragmatic and easy to work with. He is recognised as a leading lawyer in Litigation by Best Lawyers Australia. He is recognised in dispute resolution, and as a leading individual in class actions, by Asia Pacific Legal 500 which describes him as "an absolute standout", "exceptional as a litigator – focused, practical and with a clear view of the longer term objectives", "energetic, intelligent and perceptive".</p>



Adam Firth specialises in major infrastructure and resources projects, with particular experience in PPP projects in the transport and defence sectors.

Adam's experience includes advising government and industry clients on the interpretation and administration of PPP, engineering, design, construction, operation and supply contracts particularly in the energy and resources and transport industries. This work has included acting in hearings in the Supreme Courts of New South Wales and Queensland, arbitration, mediation, expert determination, statutory adjudication and other alternative dispute resolution processes.

Adam also has significant experience advising on disputes on built environment and utilities projects. He also frequently advises on drafting of alternative dispute resolution provisions for various construction and PPP contracts.



Lorraine Hui advises on a commercial disputes, contentious regulatory investigations, commissions of inquiry, class actions and international arbitration. She acts for a range of clients including Australian and global banks and financial institutions, auditing and consulting firms and government clients.

Her class actions work includes acting for Lehman Brothers Australia Limited (in liq) in defending a class action brought by investors of synthetic collateralised debt obligations, and acting for the Royal Bank of Scotland in three related Federal Court proceedings including a class action by investors, relating to the RiverCity tunnel. Lorraine has also acted in a range of regulatory investigations and enforcement matters, including ASIC examinations, civil penalty proceedings, banning proceedings and markets disciplinary panel proceedings, and has advised on complex cross-border investigations involving multiple banking and securities regulators. She has also acted for clients in the Banking Royal Commission and the Royal Commission into the Robodebt Scheme.



Andrew Carter advises in the areas of corporate and securities market regulation, and administrative law. He has undertaken lead partner roles in some of Australia's largest corporate litigation. Andrew regularly acts in disputes involving regulators and where corporate law and public law principles are engaged. He is widely recognised as having depth of expertise in corporate and financial services law.

Andrew's expertise in major corporate litigation enables him to develop effective solutions in the most complex corporate disputes including leading class actions. He is experienced in using alternative dispute resolution to bring disputes to an early and cost effective end, and has been involved in resolving a number of complex multi-party disputes using creative solutions.



Mark Elvy is experienced in all aspects of commercial dispute resolution. He specialises in complex high profile disputes and, in particular, devising and executing litigation strategy often across several jurisdictions. He is a recognised expert in defending group and multi-party actions.

Mark has advised clients in various industry sectors including energy, resources, financial, medical devices, tobacco, asbestos, telecoms, automobiles, transport and food and drink. His practice extends to advising clients in relation to multi-jurisdictional claims, regulatory prosecutions, contractual disputes and risk management.



Nicholas Mavrakis has extensive experience in managing complex litigation in commercial disputes, class actions, securities law, cartel claims, fraud, and tax disputes. He represents domestic and foreign corporate and banking clients in regulatory investigations, Commissions of Inquiry, and follow-on regulatory enforcement action/prosecutions and civil/class action litigation.

Nick is regularly called upon by financial services clients, in particular, to assist in complex regulatory investigations and disputes, covering a broad spectrum of areas across wealth/financial planning, responsible and consumer lending, markets, culture and governance. He has extensive experience in complex investigations undertaken by Australian regulatory bodies including ASIC, the ATO and the ACCC and he also undertakes Royal Commission work.



Rani John assists clients with complex commercial disputes, regulatory enforcement and internal investigations. Her experience includes representing major corporates, financial institutions and senior executives in high profile commercial and trade practices litigation; regulatory investigations and follow on civil and criminal litigation, including investigations and litigation concerning alleged insider trading, market manipulation, continuous disclosure breaches, mis-selling, and anti-competitive conduct; and anti-bribery and corruption investigations.

Rani is recognised in multiple independent directories, including Chambers Global, Asia Pacific Legal 500 and Euromoney Expert Guides, as a leading dispute resolution and investigations lawyer.



Wen-Ts'ai Lim has been engaged in dispute resolution since 1989 and has assisted the firm's clients across a broad range of disputes in the corporate, financial services, insurance, insolvency, resources, technology and taxation disciplines.

He has acted in a number of leading cases in Australian litigation history, including for the liquidators in *Bell v Westpac* (one of Australia's longest running insolvency trials) and for Samsung Electronics in *Samsung v Apple* (the Australian leg of the "Smartphone Wars").

Wen-Ts'ai continues to represent the firm's clients in the mining, industrial and health sectors, including in the defence of class actions, in tax appeals and in judicial review proceedings.



John Pavlakis is one of Australia's leading class actions lawyers and also specialises in complex corporate and commercial disputes, government litigation and inquiries. He has acted in the defence of shareholder class actions, consumer class actions, and class actions against government/statutory bodies. He acted in the seminal High Court case on third party funding (common fund) orders – Brewster. He regularly writes and presents on class action issues.

John also regularly acts for professional services firms in other forms of litigation and investigations. He is recognised by clients as an excellent strategic thinker.



Georgia Quick specialises in dispute resolution and risk management in the areas of energy, construction, property and major projects. She is the joint head of the Australian international arbitration practice.

Georgia's experience includes advising both contractors and principals in respect of disputes in the road, rail, power and built environment sector. She has particular experience of government (State and Commonwealth) projects and with complex programming issues.

Georgia was recently appointed as the President of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA).



Bill Smith is a leading dispute lawyer with extensive experience in the resolution of complex construction and infrastructure disputes, across a number of jurisdictions. He has represented clients in arbitration, litigation, expert determination, adjudication and various forms of alternative dispute resolution, and also sits as an arbitrator.

Bill's broad international experience has seen him involved in major projects across numerous sectors and industries, including: road and rail transport, airports, real estate (commercial, residential and retail), tourism and hospitality, sport, energy (conventional, renewable and nuclear), natural resources, water, defence, healthcare, technology, oil and gas, process engineering and telecommunications.



Thomas Storer specialises in disputes and regulatory investigations in the banking and financial services sector. He also has experience in relation to general commercial litigation and inquiries. Thomas has assisted clients in relation to complex commercial disputes and regulatory investigations in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Thomas previously worked at a magic circle law firm in London, and as researcher to the Honourable Justice Patricia Bergin in the Supreme Court of New South Wales. He has also worked on secondment at Deutsche Bank AG in London and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney.