



Mat Wilkins

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Areas of expertise

Workers compensation | Professional risks | Public & product liability | Dust diseases

Overview

Mat works with insurers, mutuals, employers, brokers and industry groups providing guidance and experience in dealing with all lines of insurance with a particular focus on professional indemnity, professional conduct, coronial and liability claims as well as complex workers compensation claims.

He advises the leading national insurers and reinsurers in Australia. Mat has a particular expertise in acting for MDOs in complex disciplinary matters.

Experience

Mat is known for providing advice with a strong technical background that is focused on strategic outcomes and solutions. He appears as counsel in all relevant jurisdictions and regularly appears in relevant Tribunals and Courts and argues matters in the Full Court. He has appeared both as counsel and as solicitor in the High Court.

Recent examples of his experience include:

- acting in complex professional indemnity claims, involving engineering, medical and accounting evidence;
- setting aside determinations by the Medical Board of Australia to take immediate action against medical practitioners;
- advising all Tasmanian workers compensation insurers and drafting submissions to the State government on changes to the Limitation Act. The government accepted and adopted the position advanced;
- advising on major personal and complex injury claims between \$3M-\$10M in value;
- successfully defending public liability claims in the Supreme Court at the Full Court level;
- advising the Tasmanian Government on the Asbestos Compensation Legislation introduced in 2011;
- acting for Medical Practitioners before the Medical Board including immediate action applications; and
- acting for medical practitioners in coronial inquests.

Mat has a reputation for adding value to his clients' business through training and audit. He supervises a team of experienced lawyers that are able to respond quickly and efficiently to clients' needs.

He is a past President of the Tasmanian Bar Association and the Law Reform Institute of Tasmania and is a committee member of Workcover's Legislative Review advisory Committee into workers compensation.