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Areas of expertise

Construction & Infrastructure
Dispute Resolution & Litigation
Debt Recovery
Corporate & Commercial

Overview

Lauren is a Senior Associate in Nexus' Newcastle office. With a background in insurance litigation, Lauren also has significant experience in commercial law generally with a focus on construction law, in both advisory and contentious matters.

Expertise

Construction & Infrastructure

Lauren advises and acts in the interests of principals, contractors, consultants and equipment and service providers in the preparation and negotiation of commercial contracts including: exclusive supply agreements; trial, hire and sale agreements; trade and licence agreements; labour hire and service agreements; and residential building contracts. Lauren's principal experience in dispute work provides her with a unique insight as to how to effectively limit commercial risk and ensure the ongoing commercial viability of contractual relationships in the construction and infrastructure sector.

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Lauren is an experienced insurance and commercial litigator in tribunal and court proceedings and is a proficient negotiator in respect of unlitigated disputes. Lauren has represented clients in professional indemnity insurance disputes, environmental law matters and commercial disputes involving: allegations of negligence; breach of contract; misleading and deceptive conduct; administrative law; breach of statutory duty claims; and disputes arising under 'Security of Payment' legislation.

At all times, Lauren is focused entirely on limiting her client's potential risk and liability and enhancing their rights and entitlements in a timely manner.

Career Highlights

- Defending a civil works contractor in Supreme Court proceedings alleging negligence and defective works, with alleged damages in excess of \$40 million and involving multiple defendants.
- Preparing submissions to a Local Government Council concerning the permissibility of use in order to obtain development consent for commercial infrastructure used to convert a by-product into a useable commodity.
- Representing a professional service provider company in District Court proceedings alleging breach of contract and professional negligence with respect to fraudulent transactions.
- Defending a number of entities within a large corporate structure in Supreme Court proceedings under the Australian Consumer Law.
- Acting for a number of Local Government Councils against professional indemnity insurance claims in the Local, District and Supreme Courts and the Court of Appeal alleging negligence, misrepresentation, nuisance, trespass and defamation particularly in relation to development applications and consents, the installation and maintenance of stormwater pipes and the growth, care and maintenance of trees.
- Acting for a large manufacturing and supply company defending product liability claims in the District Court.
- Regularly acting on behalf of builders and owners in residential building disputes in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, District and Supreme Courts involving alleged defective and incomplete works, variation claims, latent conditions, delay claims and liquidated damages.

