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Areas of expertise

Construction & Infrastructure
Dispute Resolution & Litigation
Debt Recovery
Corporate & Commercial
Manufacturing & Engineering
Mining & Resources

Overview

Belinda is the head of Nexus' construction and infrastructure team. Belinda has significant experience in all areas of construction and infrastructure law, in both advisory and contentious matters.

Expertise

Construction & Infrastructure

Belinda advises principals, contractors, consultants and project managers in the establishment and administration of infrastructure projects. She drafts and negotiates tenders, works and services contracts to minimise clients' commercial risks for each project. Belinda works both directly and behind the scenes in the pricing and negotiation of commercial terms to give her clients a commercial advantage. Her understanding of the key risks in infrastructure projects is uniquely informed by her significant construction litigation experience. Belinda has also provided training to clients and national industry bodies in contract administration and Security of Payment legislation.

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Belinda is an experienced commercial litigator in court proceedings, arbitration, expert determination, mediation and all aspects of 'Security of Payment' legislation. Belinda has acted in construction disputes (variations, delay and disruption costs, liquidated damages, latent conditions, security), negligence, breach of contract, misleading and deceptive conduct, administrative law and breach of statutory duty claims.

Belinda has prepared and defended large adjudication applications and responses under 'Security of Payment' legislation and acted in subsequent administrative law appeals to the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal.

In any form of dispute resolution, Belinda is committed to obtaining the best possible outcome for clients on a practical and commercial basis.

Career Highlights

- Drafting and negotiation of EPCM contract for a significant coal infrastructure project at Newcastle Port.
- Defending a large civil contractor in Supreme Court proceedings alleging negligence and defective works, with alleged damages in excess of \$40 million and involving 16 defendants.
- Acting on behalf of a building contractor in a dispute with the Northern Territory government regarding variation and delay claims.
- Acting on behalf of a state government owned corporation defending negligence claims in the Consumer, Trader & Tenancy Tribunal and associated responses to the Energy & Water Ombudsman of NSW.
- Acting on behalf of a principal against a major construction company in a lengthy commercial arbitration involving variation claims, latent conditions (asbestos), delay claims and liquidated damages.
- Regularly acting on behalf of builders and owners in residential building disputes in the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal, District and Supreme Courts.
- Defending clients against alleged breaches of NSW Government Procurement Policy and Code of Conduct for Procurement.

