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Qualifications

Master of Construction Law (Melb)
Bachelor of Laws (UOW)
Bachelor of Arts (UOW)
NSW Builders Licence

Areas of Expertise

Residential building disputes
Defective building work claims
Home warranty insurance claims and appeals
Builders licence applications and appeals
Contract preparation and review
General residential building advice
Litigation and dispute resolution
Work health and safety

Overview

Kelvin has significant experience acting for clients on building and construction related legal matters.

The practical and effective advice Kelvin delivers is informed by more than 30 years operating in residential building as both a builder and a lawyer.

Expertise

Residential Building

Residential building work is governed by a complex array of rules and regulations which at times can be difficult for both trades-people and owners to navigate.

Kelvin advises on most aspects of residential building and offers a wide range of expertise in advising both builders, subcontractors, owners and other industry participants on the issues that arise before, during and after the building process.

His unique blend of legal and technical experience allows him to provide practical and commercial advice in a cost-efficient manner on issues such as contract preparation and review, disputes and defective work claims.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Kelvin is an experienced litigator having day to day management of matters in NSW Courts and NCAT.

Kelvin has completed a nationally accredited mediators course and, along with hands on experience resolving disputes in the building industry, endeavours to provide his clients with the best opportunity to resolve disputes quickly. Where matters proceed to litigation Kelvin's industry background allows him to comprehend the complex details arising in factual and contractual disputes.

Home Warranty Insurance

Kelvin provides advice on home warranty insurance claims both where the owner is lodging a claim and where a builder is defending a claim by an insurer.

Kelvin acted for NSW's largest home warranty insurer for several years assisting with advice on claims and pursuing parties for the cost of rectification of defective work.

Builders Licence Applications and Appeals

Kelvin is experienced in builders' licence applications, reviews and appeals. He assists a large builder training organisation by providing advice to students preparing applications after gaining their qualifications. Kelvin has conducted several successful Tribunal Appeals against Fair Trading determinations refusing licences.

Career Highlights

- Regularly acting for owners and builders in building disputes both prior to litigation and in litigation.
- Acting for a homeowner in litigation against an engineer and piling contractor for rectification of a defective slab in a residential dwelling.
- Defending a principal contractor in a work health and safety prosecution.
- Appealing Fair Trading licence determinations in NCAT.
- Advising a client on preparation of enforceable undertaking in WHS prosecution.
- Acting for subcontractors in a payment dispute with principal.
- Acting for home warranty insurance provider advising on claims and rectification work

