



Robert Gallagher: Commercial Dispute Resolution

Professional qualifications

- LLB, Dip LP, MAICD

Date of Admission

- 1979

Principal areas of practice

- Commercial litigation
- Dispute resolution

Employment History

- **Herbert Geer Lawyers**
Partner, July 2008 - current
- **Nicol Robinson Halletts**
Partner, January 1993 - 2008
- **Thynne & McCartney**
Solicitor (1980), then Partner (from 1985)

Professional experience

- National Practice Unit Leader for Commercial Dispute Resolution at Herbert Geer Lawyers
- Member, Governance Committee of Herbert Geer Lawyers
- Robert is a highly experienced litigator with a strong background in dispute resolution and corporate and commercial law, including business structures (companies, trusts and partnerships) and corporate governance
- Robert is a Trustee of CEDA (Committee for Economic Development of Australia) and has acted as Chairman, Director and Company Secretary of a number of substantial private companies, charitable foundations and community groups
- Robert lectures for LegalWise Seminars in relation to shareholder disputes and has presented in 2010 and 2011 at the QLS Symposium and NSW Legal Conference on issues relating to partnerships and practice management
- Author for Smokeball "Law Office Operations Manual"

Experience

- Led the Queensland legal team in the Dairy Farmers merger
- Represented Ideal Electrical in the sale of the business to a multi-national consortium
- Represented several of Australia's leading banks, and acted for National Australia Bank in a number of reported cases, including *NAB v Kabwand*
- Acted for Plaintiffs against stockbrokers in substantial claims for stock market related losses
- Represented a major hotel group in its mergers and acquisitions and litigation work
- Trial lawyer for the applicant in *Jackson v Sterling Industries* (dealing with Mareva injunctions)

- Represented the mine owner in the Moura Mine disaster enquiry
- Represented building owners in several major building disputes concerning defective glass curtain walls in high rise buildings in Brisbane's CBD
- Represented major players in the waste management industry in commercial, litigation and environmental issues (including in *Ace Property Holdings v Australia Post*)
- Conducted various actions for property owners to establish property, contract and easement rights, including appeals to the High Court of Australia (*Fletcher Group v Crocus; Gallagher v Rainbow*)
- Currently representing AP Eagers Limited in competition and consumer matters, Balanced Securities Limited in securities recoveries and administrations, Freedom Fuels in relation to contract and insurance claims

Memberships

- Law Council of Australia
- Queensland Law Society (and serves on its Practice Management Committee)
- Australian Institute of Company Directors
- CEDA

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