

**Helene Chryssidis** 

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Dispute resolution and insolvency matters resolved quickly, confidently & effectively.



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## **Areas of Expertise**

Dispute Resolution & Insolvency

Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Insolvency

Banking and finance

Competition and consumer law disputes

Contractual disputes

Corporations law disputes

Estate disputes

Intellectual property disputes

Possession proceedings

Property disputes

Trust disputes

Compulsory Acquisition

Helene is an exceptionally talented disputes lawyer, with comprehensive experience acting in many litigation and insolvency matters for both global and national firms.

If you're dealing with a dispute or an insolvency matter, you need the reassurance of partnering with a well-respected and knowledgeable lawyer who has handled a broad array of complex matters. Helene is well known for her pragmatic approach, keen eye for detail, and technical ability. She prides herself on achieving positive outcomes for her clients. Helene is a business-focused lawyer, always keeping her clients and their businesses front of mind when dealing with the often sensitive matters of litigation.

# **Expertise**

As a tough negotiator and litigator, Helene has a distinguished track record of resolving disputes quickly and efficiently for businesses and individuals, and wherever possible before proceedings commence.

She provides regular strategic advice to clients in relation to disputes involving commercial transactions, contracts, property, building & construction, negligence, shareholder disputes, competition and consumer law and breaches of guarantees. Helene has represented a wide range of clients, including but not limited to small businesses, large companies, financial advisory firms, liquidators and trustees, as well as large government agencies. She has acted for clients in nearly every Australian jurisdiction, including South Australia, Western Australia, Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland.

In insolvency matters, Helene has acted for directors, officers, and creditors in defending claims by liquidators and trustees. She has also advised administrators, liquidators, receivers, and private trustees. Where possible, she applies her considerable talents to assisting companies and individuals that are experiencing financial distress.

Helene also has a keen interest in compulsory acquisition law and has acted for many individuals who have faced the government acquiring their privately owned land. Through her comprehensive understanding of the complexity and sensitivity of compulsory acquisition matters, she is proud to have negotiated many successful compensation outcomes for her clients.

She has appeared before all the court jurisdictions, including the Supreme Court, the Federal Court of Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.



#### How Helene can help you.

- Commercial savvy in commercial litigation & dispute resolution matters.
- Pragmatic approach to commercial disputes.
- Strategic advice on insolvency.
- Instinctive know-how in competition & consumer law disputes
- Innovative solutions to property disputes.
- Strategic guidance across all contractual disputes.
- Instinctive know-how in corporations law disputes.
- Decisive thinking in intellectual property disputes.
- Knowledgeable counsel during possession proceedings.
- Extensive experience dealing with large government agencies.

## **Highlights**

A proficient and committed legal practitioner, Helene has grown an impressive portfolio over the past decade for a diverse range of local and national clients. Some of her most noteworthy matter include:

- Successfully defended a claim commenced against a corporate client for negligence.
- Acted for a corporate client in a claim for breach of duties under the Corporations Act and for breach of contract, breach of contractual restrain, and breach of fidiciary duties.
- Acted for a liquidator in an action against a director for breach of director duties.
- Appeared as a counsel for an Australian statutory agency on various occasions to oppose deed of company arrangements propsed by companies that were the subject of winding up proceedings.
- Acted for a liquidator in connection with the admission of a proof of debt in the liquidation of a large corporate entity.
- Represented an executive agency in mediating a claim in bankruptcy.
- Worked as an instructing solicitor with respect to conducting a mandatory public examination.
- Acted for an Australian statutory agency in defending a preference claim in the Surpreme Court.
- Representing and providing ongoing advice to an

Australian statutory agency in relation to voidable transactions.

- Conducted a mediation in the magistrates Court of South Australia acting for an Australian statutory agency in relation to defending a voidable transaction claim.
- Conducted a winding up and bankruptcy practice for an Australian statutory agency in South Australia and Western Australia.
- Acting for large privately owned financial services companies in Australia.
- Acting for directors and associated companies in defending insolvent trading claims.
- Acting for company directors in public examinations.

### **Credentials**

- Bachelor of Law
- Bachelor of International Studies
- Admission to the Supreme Court
- Admission to the High Court of Australia

#### **Memberships**

Women's Insolvency Network South Australia (WinSA)

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