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# **DOMINIQUE HOGAN-DORAN SC**

## **Practice Overview**

Dominique Hogan-Doran SC practises in commercial disputes, financial services law (in particular superannuation trusts), corporate law & insolvency, public & administrative law, a wide range of regulatory investigations & enforcement action, and Royal Commissions & public inquiries involving governance & corruption issues. She is also an accredited Mediator *NMAS*, and Fellow of the *Chartered Institute of Arbitrators*, with numerous panel appointments.

## **Academic Qualifications**

Dominique is a graduate of the University of Sydney (*BEc (Soc Sc), LLB (Hons I), LLM*) where she was awarded the Convocation Medal, and Oxford University (*BCL (Hons I*)) where she was the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Scholar.

She has also undertaken the Australian Institute of Company Directors course, the Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees course, and IAMA's Practitioner's Certificate in Mediation.

#### **Professional Associations & Experience**

Dominique is a member of the Council of the NSW Bar Association, Chair of the Futures Committee of the Australian Bar Association, and a past President of Australian Women Lawyers and the Women Lawyers Association of NSW.

She is an appointee to the *Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand* Professional Conduct Committee, the *Australian Institute of Company Directors* Law Committee, and the *International Bar Association*'s Bar Regulation Committee.

Dominique is an experienced director in, and governance advisor to, the superannuation and financial services industry.

She was recently appointed by Cricket Australia to the *Australian Cricketers Retirement Account Board*, an investment fund for Australia's First Class cricketers, and was for several years a trustee director of top-ranking Australian industry superfund *Club Plus Super*, including serving on its Audit & Risk, Investments, and Insurance & Claims Committees.

# **Professional Recognition**

The Best Lawyers - Australia 2020 – Litigation Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession – Leading Commercial Litigation & Disputes Resolution Senior Counsel NSW (2016 - 2019); Leading Mediators NSW (2018, 2019) Lawyers Weekly Australian Law Awards – Barrister of the Year (Winner) (2016) Women in Financial Services Awards – Woman of the Year (Finalist) (2013)

## **Current and Recent Cases:**

# **Commercial / Corporate / Insolvency**

*Roads & Maritime Services (Transport for NSW) v AZH Consulting*, NSW Supreme Court No. 2019/00162659 – for RMS/Transport for NSW – procurement fraud – freezing orders obtained – briefed by *Norton Rose Fulbright, Sydney* 

<u>Re Black Range Metals (Resources) (subject to DOCA) (McGrath Nicol)</u>, NSW Supreme Court (2019) – for deed administrators – application for judicial advice & directions on distributions – briefed by Norton Rose Fulbright, Sydney

Department of Defence & Australian Signals Directorate v Optus Networks (2019) – for the Commonwealth – technology contract dispute – mediation before Bergin SC – briefed by Ashurst, Canberra

Tabcorp Holdings Limited (2019) - various matters - briefed direct

Class Actions - for litigation funders - prospects opinions - briefed direct

## **Superannuation / Trusts**

*Martin v Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation*, NSW Supreme Court No. 2018/00277432 – for CSC – Commonwealth Public Sector Superannuation Scheme – briefed by *Ashurst, Canberra* 

NULIS (Australia) Nominees & MLC Nominees (NAB Group) (2018-2019) – numerous matters – briefed by MinterEllison, Sydney and by K&L Gates, Sydney

OnePath Custodians (ANZ Group) (2019) - IOOF superfund transfer - briefed by MinterEllison, Sydney

*Energy Industries Superannuation Scheme* (2015-2019) – numerous matters re both defined benefit schemes & public offer contribution schemes – briefed *direct* and by *DLA Piper* 

Queensland State Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (2019) - briefed direct

*Retail Bank Superannuation Trustee* (2019) – ASIC investigation into suspected contraventions of s1017B *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (disclosure of significant events) – briefed by *MinterEllison* 

Industry Superfund Trustee (2019) – ASIC investigation into suspected contraventions of s101(1)(d) Superannuation Industry (Supervision) Act 1993 (Cth) (requirement to give reasons) – briefed by MinterEllison

Aon Hewitt Financial Advice (2018) - MySuper transition - remediation program - briefed by Sparke Helmore, Sydney

*Re Simpson's Trust*, Queensland Supreme Court No. 7887/16 – judicial advice – classification of dividends as income or capital following sale of business line – orders made for distribution following hearing in 2018 – briefed by *Bradley Allen Love, Canberra* 

#### Administrative / Public Law

Arcare v Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission - Federal Court No. VID1395/2019 – for Arcare – judicial review – directions under Aged Care Quality & Safety Commission Rules 2018 (Cth) – briefed by Russell Kennedy, Melbourne

Kender v Australian Securities & Investments Commission [2018] AATA 4445 – for ASIC – administrative review – disqualified director – briefed by ASIC's Chief Legal Office

*Canberra Raiders Sports Club v ACT Gambling & Racing Commission,* ACT Supreme Court & ACAT (2018) – for Club – recording of problem gambling incidents – judicial review – administrative review - successfully set aside civil penalty & restrictive licence conditions – reprimand substituted – briefed by Snedden, Hall & Gallop, Canberra

*The Sharemarket College & Ors v Australian Securities & Investments Commission* [2016] AATA 1057 – for Australian Financial Services License holder – licence cancellation by ASIC – administrative review – stay – briefed by *Innoinvest* 

## **Regulatory Compliance / Enforcement**

*Australian Securities & Investments Commission v RM Capital & The SMSF Club* - Federal Court NSD 906/2019 – civil penalty – alleged acceptance of conflicted remuneration in contravention of <u>s 963G Corporations Act 2001</u> (Cth) – for authorised representative – briefed by *Hall & Wilcox*, Sydney (set down for final hearing: 21/9/20 - 2/10/20)

Registered Organisations Commissioner v Communications, Electrical, & Plumbing Union – Federal Court NSD802/2018 – for Commissioner – civil penalty – contraventions of ss 230 & 233 Fair Work (Registered Organisations Act) 2009 (Cth) – briefed by Lander & Rogers, Melbourne (judgment reserved, heard 7/19)

Australian Competition & Consumer Commission v Husqvarna Australia (2018) – for Husqvarna – Franchising Code of Conduct - Australian Consumer Law – s87B undertaking negotiated – briefed by Holman Webb, Sydney

Australian Charities & Not-for-Profits Commission v RSL LifeCare – for RSL LifeCare – investigation into directors' remuneration and charity governance arrangements – EU negotiated – briefed by Clayton Utz, Sydney

Australian Institute of Company Directors & Governance Institute of Australia (2019) – Joint Opinion on the Law and Best Practice of Minutes of Directors' Meetings – briefed direct

*Law Society of South Australia* – briefed *direct* 

WaterNSW - various water theft prosecutions - briefed by Norton Rose Fulbright, Sydney

National Australia Bank - various matters - briefed by MinterEllison, Sydney & Melbourne

*Director of ASX listed company* – ASIC investigation into suspected insider trading in contravention of <u>s1013</u> *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) – successfully obtained "no action letter" – briefed by *Saville Partners* 

#### **Royal Commissions / Public Inquiries**

Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality & Safety (2018-2019)

- Pre- & post-publication advice for aged care providers featured in ABC TV Four Corners program "Who Cares" (2018) and 7.30 Report (2019) briefed by Hall & Wilcox
- Catholic Health Care (briefed by Moray & Agnew), RSL LifeCare (briefed by Clayton Utz), Anglican Care, Aegis Aged Care Group, United Protestants Association of NSW, & others (briefed by Hall & Wilcox) - initial submissions (January & February 2019), Adelaide hearings (February & March 2019)
- Garden View Aged Care Sydney hearing (dementia) (May 2019) briefed by Sparke Helmore
- Anglican Care Mildura hearing (respite) (July 2019) briefed by Hall & Wilcox
- Garden Village Aged Care Mildura hearing (respite) (July 2019) briefed by Hall & Wilcox
- Anglican Care Melbourne hearing (young people) (Sept 2019) briefed by Hall & Wilcox

Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation & Financial Services Industry (2018-2019)

- Commonwealth Bank of Australia / Aussie Home Loans briefed by Clayton Utz
- Energy Industries Superannuation Scheme briefed by Hall & Wilcox

<u>NSW Public Inquiry into Charitable Fundraising (aka RSL Inquiry)</u> (2017-2018) – for RSL LifeCare – briefed by Clayton Utz

NSW Ombudsman's Inquiry into Water Compliance & Enforcement 2007-2017 (2017-2018) – for WaterNSW – briefed by Norton Rose Fulbright

<u>Senate Economics References Committee Inquiry into Foreign Bribery</u> (2016-2018) – for Leightons Holdings senior executive Stephen Sasse – briefed *direct* 

<u>Special Commission of Inquiry into Greyhound Racing Industry in NSW</u> (2015-2016) – for CEO GreyhoundsNSW – briefed by Norton Rose Fulbright & Clayton Utz

*Royal Commission into Trade Union Corruption & Governance (AWU Case Study)* (2015) – for Thiess/John Holland senior executive Stephen Sasse re negotiations with the Hon. Bill Shorten MP when AWU National Secretary

Earlier Notable Inquiries & Related Matters:

Special Commission of Inquiry into the Medical Research & Compensation Foundation (aka the James Hardie Inquiry) (2004) – Junior Counsel Assisting – briefed by NSW Crown Solicitors – later briefed by ASIC in civil penalty proceedings against the James Hardie companies, directors, and officers: <u>ASIC v Macdonald (No 11)</u> [2009] NSWSC 287; (2009) 256 ALR 199; (2009) 230 FLR 1; (2009) 71 ACSR 368; <u>(No 12)</u> [2009] NSWSC 714 – briefed by Clayton Utz

*Royal Commission into the collapse of HIH Insurance Ltd* (2001–2003) – for Hannover Re (and in AAT, Federal Court, and High Court proceedings: <u>X & Ors v Australian Prudential Regulation Authority</u> [2007] HCA 4; (2007) 226 CLR 630; *Applicant Y v APRA* [2006] FCAFC 37; *Applicant X v APRA* [2005] FCA 1288, and shareholder class actions) – briefed by *Minter Ellison* 

## **Corruption Inquiries & Investigations**

ICAC Operation Ember (Roads and Maritime Services) (hearings throughout June-August, October 2019) – for the NSW Roads & Maritime Services Agency (now Transport for NSW) – briefed by Norton Rose Fulbright, Sydney

*ICAC Operation Credo (Australian Water Holdings)* (2014-2017) – for Senator the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO (previously Chairman, Australian Water Holdings) – also appeared in related shareholder proceedings: *TSDack v Australian Water Holdings* [2015] FCA 93 – briefed by *Arnold Bloch Liebler, Melbourne & Sydney* 

*ICAC Operation Spicer (Political Donations)* (2014-2016) – for Senator the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO (previously Finance Director, Liberal Party of Australia (NSW Division)) – also acted in related NSW Electoral Commission investigation – briefed by *Arnold Bloch Liebler, Melbourne & Sydney* 

*ICAC Operation Ricco (City of Botany Bay Council)* (2017) – for City of Botany Bay Council Deputy General Manager, Lorraine Cullinane (written submissions & related proceedings) – briefed by *McCabes, Sydney* 

*ICAC Operation Tunic (NSW Mine Subsidence Board)* (2014-2015) – for NSW Mine Subsidence Board – briefed by *Kilmurray Lawyers, Newcastle* 

#### **Recent Publications / Presentations**

Commercial Issues in Private International Law: A Common Law Perspective (Hart Publishing, 2019) - "New approaches to proof of foreign law: a practitioners' assessment" (chapter co-authored with brother Justin Hogan-Doran)

Law Society of New South Wales Government Solicitors' Conference (2019) - Lessons for Government from Recent Royal Commissions and Public Inquiries

5 Wentworth Chambers Retreat (2019) - The Work of Counsel in Royal Commissions and Public Inquiries

Law Council of Australia Superannuation Lawyers' Conference (2019) - Current Thinking on the Sole Purpose Test

Governance Directions Governance Institute of Australia (2018) - Minutes of directors' meetings: minimising the risk

UNSW Centre for Law, Markets & Regulation - Practitioners' Forum (2017) - Directors and Officers Duties - Recent Cases and Regulatory Developments

The Judicial Review Judicial Commission of New South Wales (2017) - Computer says 'No': Automation, Algorithms and Artificial Intelligence in Government Decision-Making

International Bar Association Annual Conference (2017) - What role has good advocacy in mediations?

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