

Paul Sterling

Special Counsel

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Paul specialises in dispute resolution and litigation with experience in all aspects of commercial litigation and dispute resolution, as well as industrial relations and workplace health and safety law. Paul also practises in the areas of insurance, personal injuries litigation and dispute resolution, and has been an accredited specialist in personal injuries law through the Queensland Law Society since 1999.

Areas of Practice

- Commercial law and litigation
- Mediation and dispute resolution
- Insurance law and litigation
- Bankruptcy and insolvency
- Workplace health and safety law
- Personal injuries law and litigation

Experience

- representing a client in the High Court with regard to a major revenue matter involving the manufacturing/processing of mining products;
- appearing in the Supreme and District Courts and Retail Shop Leases Tribunal on behalf of a major shopping centre developer;
- acting for developers regarding all aspects of shopping centre developments and re-developments including:
 - leasing issues and disputes;
 - compensation claims;
 - *Trade Practices Act* claims;
 - government approvals;
 - quantification and recovery of unpaid rentals outgoings and other lease payments;
 - enforcement of lease agreements and performance of obligations; and
 - entry by local authorities pursuant to the *Local Government Act*.

- acting for commercial clients in contract disputes and litigation;
- acting for clients in estate disputes and litigation;
- advising in the areas of Insurance and Compensation Law for approximately 25 years having acted on behalf of insurers such as WorkCover Queensland, NZI Insurance, CGU Insurance and Zurich Australian Insurance Ltd, and self-insurers including OneSteel, BHP, Woolworths and Townsville City Council;
 - conducting personal injuries proceedings at all stages, including during the pre-court proceedings under the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003*, the *Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994* and the *Personal Injuries Proceedings Act 2002*, and in the subsequent litigated phase; under the Uniform Civil Procedure Rules.
- assisting clients in the resolution of claims by informal settlement negotiation, compulsory conference, mediation and where necessary through litigation. Paul has represented his clients in matters before the Industrial Magistrates Court, the QIRC, the District and Supreme Courts and the Queensland Court of Appeal often without Counsel. Paul has also assisted his clients with submissions to Q-Comp in relation to statutory claims' issues such as determinations regarding "worker" and "injury"; and
- conducting numerous Court actions on behalf of worker's compensation insurers, self-insurers, employers CTP insurers, public liability and general insurers.

Qualifications and Memberships

- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, 1988
- Bachelor of Laws, Queensland University of Technology, 1988
- Admitted as a Solicitor of the High



Court of Australia, 1991

- Member, Queensland Law Society
- Member, Queensland and North Queensland Medico-Legal Societies
- Member, Australian Insurance Law Association, Queensland Branch
- Past Member, Personal Injuries Specialist Accreditation Advisory Committee