

Ahmed Rizk

Barrister

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Practice areas

I have a varied practice with particular focus on the following areas:

- Financial services
- Regulatory compliance and investigations
- Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry
- Corporate and commercial disputes
- Insurance and reinsurance (focusing on professional indemnity)
- Criminal law (focusing on fraud and white-collar crime)

Admissions

2020 Admitted to the New South Wales Bar
2015 Admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales

Education

2018 University of Technology, Sydney – LLM (Distinction)
2014 University of Western Sydney – LLB
2012 University of Western Sydney – BCom (Management)

Previous roles

2018-2020 Gilbert + Tobin (Lawyer, Disputes + Investigations)
2017-2018 Mills Oakley (Lawyer, Financial Services)
2014-2017 Australian Securities and Investments Commission

Relevant experience (as a solicitor)

Royal Commissions and Commissions of Inquiry

- Acting for the Commonwealth in the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety. Responsibilities included assisting key Commonwealth witnesses provide witness statements and evidence to the Royal Commission; having primary carriage for a number of hearings; and assisting the Commonwealth respond to proposed findings of evidence and policy propositions.
- Acting for Westpac in the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry.
- Acting for the Commonwealth in the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.
- Acting for Telstra in the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.

Disputes / Litigation

- Acting for Westpac in a customer dispute in the equity division of the NSW Supreme Court.
- Acting in a range of litigated commercial matters including for an international mezzanine financier in a large multimillion-dollar dispute in the NSW Supreme Court.
- Acting in a number of litigated matters for large superannuation trustees concerning life insurance claims before the NSW Supreme Court, NSW District Court, Federal Court of Australia and Victorian County Court.
- Appearing in numerous mediations on behalf of commercial clients and individuals.

Regulatory Compliance and Investigations

- Appearing for ASIC as a Prosecutor in the Local Court of NSW.
- Acting for ASIC in complex proceedings involving the former directors of Provident Capital Ltd.
- Advising ASIC on a wide range of matters including investigation and litigation strategies concerning potential breaches of criminal and civil provisions enforced by ASIC, prospects of matters, and the operation of a range of provisions within the Corporations Act and the ASIC Act.
- Acting for a large commercial client investigated by ASIC for a significant number of potential criminal and civil breaches of the Corporations Act and ASIC Act, including previously untested provisions of the Corporations Act.

Advisory work

- Advising an institutional client on a wide-scale remediation program (over 300 clients) to compensate clients for inappropriate advice provided by a former financial adviser.
- Advising large institutional clients on regulatory compliance, including in respect of financial services laws, anti-money laundering laws and sanctions laws.
- Advising large investment firms on regulatory compliance risks in the acquisition of financial service entities, including in respect of the acquisition of AMP Life and the part-purchase of Colonial First State.