

Meredith Bennett

Ashurst
Partner



Meredith is a partner in Ashurst's dispute resolution practice. Meredith specialises in litigation and dispute resolution. She assists clients to resolve complex disputes and regulatory matters, with particular experience in the resources, government, financial and professional services industries. Meredith has advised Australian and international companies on various contractual disputes, negligence claims, joint venture obligations, consumer protection disputes and administrative law matters. Meredith has regularly advised clients with respect to Royal Commissions, Boards of Inquiry and Parliamentary Inquiries as well as advising clients through regulatory investigations and prosecutions, as well as internal investigations. Meredith also specialises in insolvency and debt recovery and advises insolvency practitioners and financial institutions.

Scott Butler

Partner
Hill & Wilcox



With over 25 years' experience, Scott is a leading commercial dispute resolution lawyer with a broad practice working with clients, company directors, and advisers in a range of sectors. Specialising in restructuring and insolvency, Scott is recognised as one of Queensland's leading and most experienced lawyers in this field. As an expert in distressed turnarounds and restructures, Scott often works collaboratively with other turnaround and restructuring professionals, assisting with and documenting corporate restructures, and advising company directors in relation to their duties.

Glenn Caligaris

Partner
McInnes Wilson Lawyers



Glenn has been a Principal of the McInnes Wilson Disputes and Insolvency team since 2006. He specialises in insolvency, taxation and commercial litigation, and advises distressed businesses regarding restructuring, turnaround, and insolvency strategies. He is recognised for his practical and commercial approach to resolving disputes that are both complex and sensitive. Glenn advises governments and taxpayers regarding taxation disputes by working closely with accountants, financial advisors and insolvency practitioners. Glenn works with many clients from SME business owners to top tier lenders and large Commonwealth Government Departments. Glenn has built a strong reputation in his industry with his 'no-nonsense' approach, endearing him to numerous clients.

Ben Chesters

Partner
Deloitte



Ben brings almost two decades of experience in the Australian and United States restructuring markets. He specializes in large, complex turnarounds and restructurings, as well as company transformations on behalf of PE Funds. Ben has a collaborative style and a successful track record of working closely with executive teams to implement rapid change across organisations. Ben is also a Certified Turnaround Professional (United States).

Brett Cook

Partner
Clayton Utz

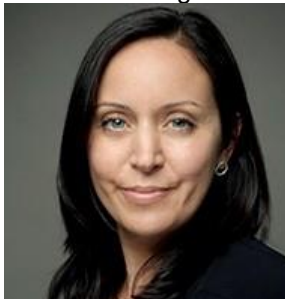


Brett advises banks and other financiers, insolvency practitioners, government and semi-governmental entities, and corporate clients on all aspects relating to secured recovery work, restructurings and workouts, receiverships, voluntary administrations, deeds of company arrangement and liquidations. Brett's experience includes receiverships of property developments and construction companies, rural and agricultural businesses, airlines, retail and other trading enterprises, mining companies, investment schemes, hotels and pubs, aged care facilities and retirement villages, to name only a few. Brett has also undertaken major debt restructuring work arising from the insolvency or near insolvency of substantial corporate clients. He advised the Australian subsidiaries of Parmalat Finanziaria SpA, following the multi-billion dollar global collapse of that group.

His recent engagements include Virgin Australia Airlines, Collection House and Caledon Coal, together with a number of safe harbour advisory roles.

Joanne Dunn

Senior Managing Director
FTI Consulting



Joanne Dunn has more than 23 years' experience in corporate finance and restructuring. She has gained extensive experience in all aspects of corporate and personal appointments including receiverships, voluntary administrations, liquidations, deed of company arrangements, Part X arrangements and bankruptcies. As a liquidator and bankruptcy trustee, Joanne's worked on appointments across a broad range of industries including mining and mining services, property development, engineering services, labour hire, retail and entertainment. Joanne utilises her experience and professional skills to project manage complex appointments, by working closely with her diverse team to produce the best commercial outcome for all stakeholders.

Michael Fingland

Executive Director and CEO
Vantage Performance



Michael has 25 years of experience in corporate turnaround and transformation. He has worked with SME's through to large listed companies turning over up to \$2bln, across a wide range of industries. Michael regularly acts as a Chief Restructuring Officer, Board Advisor or NED ensuring that the executive team has a robust Strategic/Turnaround Plan, a stable platform upon which to execute it and that the organisation develops a strong culture based around disciplined people, disciplined thought and disciplined action. Michael founded Vantage Performance in 2005 as there was a lack of specialist turnaround advisory firms to help companies navigate their way through their critical challenges. Vantage has since evolved into a firm that also specialises in helping companies scale up.

Scott Guthrie

Partner
Thomson Geer



Scott draws on his more than 25 years of expertise to advise clients in the finance, insolvency and property industries. Scott's clients include investors, shareholders, directors and insolvency practitioners. Scott also has discrete expertise in property disputes, advising developers and land owners in various matters, including lease disputes, co-ownership disputes and joint venture and partnership disputes. Scott also advises directors and other officers in regulatory matters, including proceedings or investigations by ASIC and other regulators.

Jamie Harris

Founding and Managing Partner
McGrath Nicol



A foundation partner of McGrathNicol since 2004 and Managing Partner of the firm, Jamie is a highly regarded restructuring specialist with more than 20 years of experience. Jamie has particular experience in managing large complex formal restructuring engagements as well as providing strategic advice to and implementing solutions for stakeholders impacted by operational or financial challenges. He has also been involved in loan portfolio reviews and impaired loan management for a number of major Australian banks.

Tim Heenan

Partner
Deloitte



Tim has extensive experience in corporate finance and insolvency working with clients across the US, Europe and Middle East. His work includes financial viability assessments and advice, turnaround and restructuring advice, cash flow and working capital management and public sector advisory. Tim has worked across a wide range of industries, with a focus on agribusiness, mining services, construction and manufacturing.

Kevin Higgins

Executive Director
Vantage Performance



Kevin, a CPA, has more than 18 years of corporate restructuring experience. He has proven himself to be a proactive and successful Chief Restructuring Officer; having led start-up, turnaround and high growth organisations. He has worked on a number of assignments across a range of industry sectors, both locally and nationally. Kevin's advisory and restructuring experience includes independent business reviews, development and implementation of financial restructuring, recapitalisation and refinancing strategies. Prior to joining Vantage Performance Kevin worked for two national corporate recovery firms, which included a secondment to Perth, where he played a key role in establishing the practice in Western Australia.

Kevin Hozapfel

Partner
PwC



Kevin is a Chartered Accountant and a Partner in PwC's Financial Advisory practice. Kevin is a TMA member who specialises in lead advisory with a focus on undertaking reviews in relation to business viability and sustainability to identify opportunities to improve business operations. He has extensive experience in financial capacity and business viability assessments focusing on the identification of financial risks, including developing strategies to mitigate these risks when working with various levels of Government, financial institutions and private corporations. Kevin has over 20 years corporate advisory and restructuring experience including 5 years based in the United Kingdom.

Alisha Kennedy

Partner
Talbot Sayer



Alisha is a leader of Talbot Sayer's dispute resolution practice and has broad experience in litigation with a particular focus in corporate disputes, insolvency and bankruptcy, debt and asset recovery and contractual disputes. Alisha has acted for a range of clients, such as the big four banks, large companies, shareholders, directors and insolvency practitioners, working closely with them in all aspects of the commercial dispute resolution and insolvency processes. Alisha prides herself on her client relationships and finding commercially focused solutions to her clients' disputes. Prior to joining Talbot Sayer, Alisha was a Senior Associate at the world's largest international law firm. She currently sits on the Turnaround Management Association Committee Qld.

Tim O'Neill

Chief Property Officer
Quanta Investment Funds



Tim is a senior executive with 40 years' experience in the property sector. He has worked with some of Australia's most reputable property investment organisations including QIC, Lendlease and Economic Development Queensland. Tim has held positions on several property industry bodies including National Director and Queensland President of the Property Council of Australia.

Tim's experience is extensive and diverse spanning the full spectrum of the property investment and development cycle, from acquisitions, project creation, master planning and feasibility analysis to project delivery, asset management and investment.

Scott Sharry

Partner
Clayton Utz



Scott is an experienced commercial litigator and restructuring and insolvency specialist having acted for a wide range of private sector, Local, State and Federal government clients over the past 20 years throughout Australia. He acts in large complex commercial litigation, Corporations Law and insolvency matters including for banks, financiers, liquidators, receivers and administrators. Scott has also had roles in relation to some of the largest scale corporate collapses in the State (for example MFS/Octaviar and Storm) and has led the teams involved in large scale Commission of Inquiry matters in Queensland. Scott is also the current Partner-in-charge of the Brisbane office of Clayton Utz.

Peter Smith

Partner
Johnson Winter & Slattery



Peter is commercial litigator who has specialised for 29 years in all aspects of corporate restructuring and contentious insolvency. He is known for leading complex litigation, which has included oppression actions, insolvency litigation, construction disputes, tax disputes, and defending professional negligence actions against accountants and directors. Peter is endorsed as a leading restructuring and insolvency practitioner in Chambers Asia-Pacific (Australia 2022 guide (and other publications). In 2019, Peter was acknowledged in Best Lawyers as 2020 Queensland Lawyer of the Year for Insolvency and Reorganisation and Doyles acknowledge Peter in the preeminent category. Peter is publicly recognised for his 'strategic approach' and good commercial mind' and as a lawyer who focuses on the end game, working with his clients to achieve the right outcomes.

Derrick Vickers

Partner
PwC



Derrick is a partner in PwC's Business Recovery Services team. The BRS team comprises of highly skilled professionals in accelerated M&A, business recovery and insolvency services. He is a subject matter expert with over 25 years' experience in business continuation in crisis, operational improvement, financial restructuring and insolvency with significant exposure in the Agribusiness, Aquaculture, Construction, Hospitality, Health, Mining, Property and Retail industries. Derrick's clients include ASX listed entities, large private companies, local and international financial institutions, government departments and regulators.

Kate Whalan

Staff Partner
McInnes Wilson Lawyers



Kate is a Principal in the Disputes and Insolvency division at McInnes Wilson Lawyers with significant expertise in Court and Tribunal matters, advocacy, negotiation and alternative dispute resolution. She works to resolve disputes in the corporate and commercial, consumer law, property, insolvency, defamation, education, agricultural, and intellectual property fields, and represents clients in corporate investigations and shareholder and director disputes. Kate has particular expertise in complex and high value business-critical disputes with multiple stakeholders, and has led large multi-disciplinary teams in high profile cases. Kate regularly provides expert advice to directors and officers of some of Australia's largest companies, CEO's, business owners and high profile individuals.