

## 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.

## 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.

## Scott Guthrie

Director – Turnaround Management Association  
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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Mark Holland**

Partner  
McGrathNicol



Mark has more than 15 years' experience as a restructuring, turnaround and financial advisory specialist. He has worked with private sector companies, listed groups, government, lenders and legal advisors during periods of financial challenge, distress and change. Mark is a Registered Liquidator and delivers insightful and practical advice derived from extensive experience undertaking independent business reviews, operational restructuring, risk management, financial advisory, formal insolvency appointments and distressed M&A engagements. Mark has worked across a broad range of industries including construction, government, hospitality, infrastructure, mining, property, renewable energy and retail.

## Jenna Scott

Partner  
Norton Rose Fulbright



Jenna Scott is a specialist insolvency and restructuring lawyer based in Brisbane, with significant litigious experience in insolvency, regulatory, class action, banking and general commercial matters, as well as transactional restructuring, across geographic locations. She has acted on significant and highly complex litigation, regulatory and insolvency matters, involving substantial documentary evidence and multifaceted lay and expert witness evidence across jurisdictions, including acting in one of only a handful of securities class actions to be litigated in Australia. Jenna's clients include government regulators, intermediaries, all of the major Australian banks and major corporates.

## Lisa Brentnall

Senior Litigation Manager  
CASL



Lisa has over 15 years of experience in the litigation funding industry having worked as a Senior Investment Manager in the industry since 2006. Lisa has managed the funding of a significant number of legal proceedings, varying in size and complexity, achieving successful outcomes for her funded clients. Lisa's funding experience covers a broad range of matters including insolvency, commercial, class actions, insurance and employment. Lisa holds a Bachelor of Economics from Macquarie University and a Diploma of Law from the Legal Practitioner's Admissions Board. Prior to joining the litigation funding industry, Lisa worked as an Associate Solicitor in private practice where she acted for both plaintiffs and defendants in a range of insolvency and general commercial litigation matters. Lisa has a genuine passion for the litigation funding industry and the benefits that it can bring to plaintiffs that otherwise would not have the resources to achieve justice through the legal system.

## Richard Hughes

Partner  
Deloitte



Richard specialises in corporate turnaround and restructuring with over 28 years professional experience. He specifically assists companies to develop, execute and communicate turnaround strategies, and assists with negotiations with stakeholders. Richard has experience across several sectors, including manufacturing, real estate, agribusiness, tourism, mining services, aviation and auto dealerships. Most recently he was one of the administrators of Virgin Australia, which was successfully restructured in November 2021.

## **Ann Watson**

Special Counsel  
Hall & Wilcox



Ann is a dispute resolution Special Counsel with a particular focus on restructuring and insolvency, corporate workouts and banking and debt recovery. Commercially minded, Ann focuses on reaching straight forward solutions in a timely manner. Ann provides advice to companies and their directors on restructuring and insolvency matters and also advises administrators, liquidators, receivers, trustees in bankruptcy and Government and regulatory bodies. Ann's experience includes working for small to medium sized businesses as well as publicly listed entities within a number of sectors including retail, property, mining and resources. Ann assists her clients in both an advisory and litigious capacity, often running a matter from the early stages through to a negotiated out of court resolution or successfully prosecuting contested litigation.

## **Helen Newman**

Partner  
BDO



Helen is a Business Restructuring Partner with BDO in Brisbane. Helen provides solutions to companies to manage the challenges of poor trading performance, cash flow shortages and creditor pressure. Helen works closely with key stakeholders to understand their concerns and the drivers of their business then implements change to achieve the best result possible. Helen also acts for financiers in the management and sale of property portfolios and distressed businesses and the conduct of investigations. Helen has been with BDO since 2010 and has over 30 years' experience involving many insolvency engagements, corporate restructures and asset divestment strategies in Queensland, nationally and internationally.

## **Stacey Clisby**

Executive Director  
KordaMentha



Stacey considers openness and honesty of the utmost importance when working with distressed businesses and their stakeholders. She has a collaborative approach which is important in bringing together different stakeholders and expertise. Her experience in the insolvency and restructuring industry includes formal insolvency appointments, business review engagements for secured lenders, and advising businesses experiencing financial distress. She has worked in the UK for an international bank and has completed a 12 month secondment for a major Australian lender in their distressed loan management division. Her recent experience has focussed on the mining, financial services and property industries. Stacey enjoys the frequent challenges that present themselves in insolvency and restructuring engagements while focusing on achieving the best possible outcome for her clients and all stakeholders.

## Meredith Bennett

Partner  
Ashurst



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.

## Lauren Pickard

Associate Director  
KPMG



Lauren has over 12 years' experience within the professional sector, with 5 years in financial assurance, and more recently 7 years restructuring and insolvency experience. She has extensive experience in dealing with companies facing financial stress and insolvency, and has worked in a variety of industries including property and mining. Lauren's experience has spanned across some of Australia's largest and most public facing entities. The work Lauren has undertaken has included business restructuring and planning, working capital improvement strategies, exit planning and implementation, lender assistance, strategic secured lender reviews and formal insolvency administrations.

## Carla Fairweather

Managing Director  
FTI Consulting



Carla is a Managing Director in FTI Consulting's Corporate Finance & Restructuring segment, providing and implementing restructuring and turnaround solutions. Carla has broad industry experience with particular expertise in agriculture, infrastructure, engineering, hospitality and property. She has over 20 years experience as a restructuring and turnaround specialist working with directors, boards and lenders to assist businesses of all sizes in financial difficulty or distress. She also has extensive experience across a range of formal insolvency appointments and in conducting independent business reviews, contingency planning and operational restructuring.



## **Alisha Kennedy**

Principal  
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.

## **Chris Turvey**

Team Leader Banking Recovery  
Suncorp Group



Chris has been with Suncorp in Business Customer Support for nearly 20 years. Chris has deep Agribusiness knowledge growing up on a farm in Western Queensland and studying a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at the University of Qld. Chris has a strong interest in managing Financial Difficulty for Agribusiness and Farm Debt Mediation and presented to the Senate Select Committee on Lending to Primary Production Customers in 2017.

## **Jenny Strong**

Director - State Leader - Property Services QLD  
Macquarie Group



Jenny has over 20 years experience with Macquarie in both Queensland and New South Wales. She is currently leading Macquarie's Queensland team of Relationship Managers and Business Development Managers. Jenny has partnered with many clients from business inception, through their growth, transformation and wealth creation (acquisitions, mergers, consolidation), and supported their succession plans resulting in a fulfilling retirement. Jenny's specialist skills include SME cashflow and property backed lending, providing innovative/ digital 'end to end' back office solutions and financial services to business owners in the property services and professional services sectors. She is also skilled in business development, establishing referral channels and driving activity and sales conversion.

## Angela Fleming

Senior Relationship Manager, Strata & Real Estate - Business Banking  
Macquarie Group



Angela has been working in the commercial banking industry for over 15 years. She brings a specialised skill set to her role of Senior Relationship Manager in Macquarie's Business Banking team, working within the property services sector of Strata and Real Estate with the Banks highest net worth and most complex clients. Angela joined Macquarie Business Banking because of the way they lean into strata with a genuine interest in the industry, the innovative ways they develop and deliver growth and success to clients, working alongside them to uncover new strategies and efficiencies and creating enjoy long-term relationships. Angela has been with Macquarie Business Banking since 2010, and in this time has seen major advances in the technologies available to our customers, helping to cut through the day-to-day operations that come with these highly regulated industries.

## Courtney Macdade

Lawyer

Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations



Courtney Macdade is a Principal Government Lawyer in the Federal Government's FEG Recovery Program with experience across private practice, litigation funding and government. The Program provides funding to liquidators to enable recovery of FEG advances paid under to employees under the FEG Scheme and ensures the ongoing viability of the Scheme. Courtney oversees a team of skilled lawyers and accountants and is responsible for end to end management of a large portfolio of insolvency and commercial litigation files. Courtney is also actively engaged in progressing the policy objectives of the Program. Before FEG, Courtney was a Senior Associate at Colin Biggers & Paisley specialising in corporate restructuring and insolvency within the broader dispute resolution group'

## 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.