MATTHEW McDERMOTT

Barrister-at-law Curriculum Vitae

QUALIFICATIONS / EDUCATION

July 2018	Called to the Bar (Queensland)
2016	Master of Laws (University of Queensland)
2012	Admitted as a practitioner in the High Court of Australia
2010	Admitted as a lawyer by the Supreme Court of Queensland
2007	Admitted as Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand
2006 2005	Bachelor of Laws (Victoria University of Wellington) Bachelor of Arts (Victoria University of Wellington)

EXPERIENCE

July 2018 – present

Barrister at law

Quay 11 Chambers

Notable cases:

Ashvan Investments Unit Trust v Brisbane City Council & Ors [2019] QPEC 16

Hotel Property Investments Pty Ltd v Gold Coast Regional Council [2019] QPEC 5

Other matters include

- Representing the State of Queensland in appeals against environmental enforcement notices
- Representing applicants, and submitter appellants in planning appeals
- Representing defendants in regulatory prosecutions;
- Representing plaintiffs and defendants in commercial civil proceedings;
- Representing local government in proceedings relating to exercise of local government powers under the *Local Government Act 2009*;
- Sentencing in District Court

September 2016 – June 2018

Thomson Geer Lawyers

Advised and acted for developer and local government and clients in relation to matters town planning, local government and environmental litigation.

November 2010 – September 2016

Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Acted for private clients, local and state government in litigation relating to:

- Planning appeals and declaratory proceedings;
- enforcement and prosecution proceedings;

	 judicial review; and commercial disputes Provided legal advice to clients including State Government, Local Government and developers relating to infrastructure, governance, enforcement and disputes. 	
January 2007 – October 2010	Simpson Grierson, Barristers and Solicitors (NZ) Acted for private and Local Government clients in proceedings in a range of advice	
	and litigation relating to planning appeals, judicial review, and compulsory acquisition of land.	
Dec 2005 – January 2007	Environmental Risk Management Authority New Zealand (now the Environmental Protection Authority), Legal Assistant / Law Clerk	
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES / MEMBERSHIPS		
2020-2021	Member of Environmental, Planning and Property Committee of the Bar Association of Queensland	
2018	Member of Bar Association of Queensland	
2013	Member of the QELA legislative reform subcommittee	
2011 - 2016	Volunteer at QPILCH (now LawRight) Refugee Civil Law Clinic	
2010 - 2018	Member of Queensland Law Society	
2010 – present	Member of the Queensland Environmental Law Association (QELA)	
2007-2009	Member of the Resource Management Law Association (NZ)	
PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS		
29 November 20	Nerinda Pty Ltd v Redland City Council; Revisiting the Coty principle 'Planning and Environment Court Update', QELA Seminar	
11 May 2017	The Rise of the Exception: Trump, Brexit and the new Planning Act 'Capture the Moment' QELA Conference 2017 (10-12 May 2017)	
5 March 2013	Effective Environmental Dispute Resolution in the Planning and Environment Court Environment and Planning Law Journal (2013) 30 EPLJ 2, 150.	

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