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### BACKGROUND

Ben Jacobs has always had a keen interest in the vigorous debate of ideas, and has translated that interest into a successful career at the Bar, practicing primarily in Building and Construction, and Commercial Law.

However, it was by no means a direct career trajectory. Ben began his working life in some of Sydney's best kitchens, before putting down the chef's knife to study Arts/Law, next gaining graduate entry into Mallesons, then working as an Associate to Justice Branson of the Federal Court. His depth and range of real-world experience contributes enormously to his ability to work with solicitors and clients alike, and to understand the multiple factors that lead them to the point of approaching counsel for assistance.

Ben consistently builds strong relationships with solicitors in order to have open and informed discussions about each particular case. He is also committed to viewing issues and disputes from the client's perspective, identifying their desired result, and communicating a realistic understanding of the potential outcomes. In short, he knows the vital importance of remaining sensitive to the client's needs while imparting practical legal advice.

Ben is unfailingly professional, with great experience of the litigation and dispute resolution process. His ability and common sense allow him to achieve the best possible outcomes for his solicitors and their clients.

### FOCUS AREAS + SELECT CASES

#### BUILDING + CONSTRUCTION

*Zhuang & Ors v Nautilus Design & Construction Group Pty Ltd & Ors* - NSWSC 2014/162780 - Sole Counsel advising on \$2M home building dispute, settling pleadings, settling both lay and expert evidence, and appearing at contested hearings.

*Duffy Kennedy Constructions Pty Ltd v Saker & Anor* - NSWSC 2013/175279 - Junior Counsel (led by Ian Pike SC) advising on builder's quantum merit claim, settling pleadings, and settling evidence.

*GMW Urban v Alexandria Landfill Pty Ltd* - NSWSC 2012/50410 - Junior Counsel (led by Duncan Miller SC) advising on complex design and construction contract, settling both lay and expert evidence, and appearing at contested hearings.

*The Owners - Strata Plan No. 76902 & Anor v Maritime Authority of NSW & Ors* - NSWSC 2012/397108 - Junior Counsel (led by Duncan Miller SC) advising on complex design and construction contract, settling evidence and drafting submissions, appearing at contested hearings.

*Melandra Constructions Pty Ltd v Airlite Windows Pty Ltd* - NSWLC 2014/80666 - Sole Counsel advising on claims for defective materials, settling both lay and expert evidence, drafting submissions and appearing at contested final hearing.

## COMMERCIAL LAW

*Actors Centre Australia Pty Ltd v Italian Forum Limited & Ors - NSWSC 2014/78890* - Sole Counsel advising on contractual dispute, settling lay and expert evidence, appearing at mediation, and appearing at contested hearings.

*IPS Property Maintenance Pty Ltd v Dimension Projects Australia Pty Ltd - NSWSC 2014/324921* - Sole Counsel advising on the setting aside of a statutory demand, settling pleadings, settling evidence and drafting submissions.

*Kilpatrick v Port Kembla Port Corporation & Ors - NSWSC 2013/169968* - Sole Counsel advising on property dispute, settling pleadings, settling evidence, drafting submissions, and appearing at contested final hearing.

*Rennie & Anor v Koncz & Ors - NSWDC 2012/157566* - Sole Counsel advising the insurer on a professional negligence claim, settling pleadings, settling both lay and expert evidence, drafting submissions, and appearing at contested final hearing.

*Starley Investments Pty Ltd v Tassone - NSWLC 2015/150646* - Sole Counsel advising on breach of employment contract claim, settling evidence, drafting submissions, and appearing at contested final hearing.