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| **Susan McNeil was called to the Queensland Bar in March 2007. She was named as one of Queensland’s leading building and construction counsel by Doyle’s Guide to the Australian Legal Profession in 2017 and 2018, and one of Australia’s recommended building and construction Counsel in 2018.**  Susan was named by the Women Lawyers’ Association of Queensland Inc (WLAQ) on the 2018 list of women who have inspired, and in 2017, was named a Finalist for the 2017 Queensland Woman Lawyer of the Year Award.  Susan practices primarily in the following areas of law: commercial disputes, contractual disputes, property law disputes, building and construction (including domestic building disputes), body corporate (strata title) disputes, insurance (including personal injury), and wills and estates.  Susan regularly appears in the courts and tribunals in Queensland, including the Queensland Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, District Court, Magistrates Court and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal, as well as representing parties in commercial arbitrations.  Susan has appeared in the Queensland Court of Appeal on 4 occasions, each time without a leader. However, she regularly appears with Senior Counsel.  Prior to being called to the Bar, Susan was a solicitor in Brisbane with Quinlan Miller & Treston Lawyers. | | |
| **Areas of practice** | * Body Corporate * Commercial * Insurance Law (inc. personal injury) * Wills & Estates | * Building and Construction * Contract * Property Law (inc leasing disputes) |
| **Admission** | **First call to the Bar – March 2007**  High Court of Australia – September 2005  Queensland Supreme Court – September 2005 | |
| **Education** | LLB, BA (QUT) | |
| **Former employers** | Solicitor, Quinlan Miller & Treston Lawyers, 2005 – 2006  Articled Clerk, Irish Bentley Lawyers, 2003 – 2005 | |
| **Current Positions** | Secretary & Committee Member, Building Dispute Practitioners Society (Qld Chpt) (BDPS)  Chair, BDPS QCAT Users Group (sub –committee of BDPS) | |
| **Former Positions** | President, Women Lawyers Association of Queensland (2009 – 2011), Committee member (2003 – 2016)  Vice President, Australian Women Lawyers (2013 – 2014), Treasurer (2012 – 2013) Director (2011 – 2014) | |
| **Current Associations** | Queensland Bar Association, Member  Building Dispute Practitioners Society (Qld Chapter) (BDPS), Member  Society of Construction Law Australia, Member  Women Lawyers Association of Queensland, Member  Australian Women Lawyers, Member | |
| **Recent Presentations, Conferences**   * *Exercising Options and Relief Against Forfeiture of a Lease,* presenter (LegalWise) 15 November 2018 * *Gender Equitable Briefing presentation,* presenter (Herbert Smith Freehills) (10 October 2017) * *Expert Evidence – Tips, Tricks and Pitfalls,* presenter (Cranston McEachern Lawyers internal CPD program) (27 September 2017) * *Conflicts of Interest (case update),* presenter (Internal Alfred Lutwyche Chambers CPD program) (1 February 2017) * *The Myth of Work-Life Balance,* presenter, Women Legal 2016 Conference, Sydney, January 2016 * *Good Faith is a Bad Idea – The Great Debate,* presenter, SOCLA (Society of Construction Law Australia) (November 2015) * *Significant Developments in Leasing*, presenter, LegalWise (4 September 2015) * *Exercising Options and Relief against Forfeiture,* presenter, LegalWise (24 March 2015) * Presenter, Bar Practice Course (Sessions include: Mock Hearing 1 First Appearances; Ethics Workshop; Advocacy Intensive weekend (2008 to present) | | |
| **Cases of Note**  **Court of Appeal:**  *John Urquhart t/as Hart Renovations v Partington & Anor* [2016] QCA 199  *Surrey & Anor v Sand and Surf Design Pty Ltd* [2015] QCA 274  *Goodhue v Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Incorporated* [2015] QCA 029  *Miller & Anor v Lida Build Pty Ltd* [2013] QCA 332  **Supreme Court**  *DMS Maritime Pty Limited v Royal Sun Alliance Insurance Plc [2018] QSC 303*  *Australian Securities and Investments Commission v Gognos Holdings Ltd* [2017] QSC 207  *Brown v Jackson* [2015] QSC 355  *JV Pub Group v Red Carpet Real Estate Pty Ltd & Ors* [2014] QSC 267  *Amricama Pty Ltd v Red Carpet Real Estate* [2014] QSC 267  **District Court**  *Goodhue v Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Incorporated* [2015] QDC 029  *Thompson Residential Pty Ltd v Hart & Anor* [2014] QDC 132  *Higgins Coatings Pty Ltd v Cure-It Chemical Applicators Pty Ltd* [2014] QDC 130  **QCAT – Appeal Tribunal**  *Mair Renovations v Miller* [2016] QCATA 079  *Mintaka Investments Pty Ltd & Ors v Rolloyd as Trustee* [2015] QCATA 176  **QCAT**  *Ranch Frey Pty Ltd v Body Corporate for Quarterdeck* [2016] QCAT 252  *Gravenall v Craig Rynne Constructions Pty Ltd* [2016] QCAT 066  *Haywood v Queensland Building and Construction Commission* [2015] QCAT 392  *Mair Renovations v Miller* [2015] QCAT 333  *DC Mills Developments Pty Ltd v Fitch* [2015] QCAT 114 | | |