

# RYAN NATTRASS

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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative and Public Law  
Civil & Common Law  
Health Law & Medical Negligence  
Inquests, Commissions of Inquiry & Statutory Tribunals  
Professional Liability  
Regulatory Disputes & Disciplinary Proceedings  
Tort Law  
Work, Health and Safety Law

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Queensland University of Technology  
Master of Laws, University of Queensland

## CAREER HISTORY

Ryan was called to the Bar in 2022 and practises in the above areas.

Before commencing at the private Bar, Ryan practised as a solicitor in national firms in Australia and the United Kingdom. During that time, he prosecuted and defended a wide range of matters in the above practice areas on behalf of private clients (individuals and companies), insurers and intermediaries, and government agencies.

At the Bar, Ryan predominantly practises in civil litigation, insurance, and administrative and public law. Ryan maintains a broad practice but has particular experience in matters relating to judicial and merits review, professional liability (including civil claims, regulatory proceedings, and insurance coverage), and health (including inquests and inquiries, and matters involving the *parens patriae* jurisdiction).

Ryan has a collaborative and pragmatic approach to litigation.

In addition to private work, Ryan is a member of LawRight and the Caxton Legal Centre. Ryan is also a sessional academic at the QUT Law School.

Ryan's experience includes:

- Appearing (unled) for a defendant in the Supreme Court of Queensland about the correct statutory construction of section 27 of the *Personal Injuries Proceedings Act 2002*
- Appearing (unled) for a Hospital and Health Service in the Supreme Court of Queensland in its *parens patriae* jurisdiction on an urgent application to authorise the termination of a pregnancy, and the placement of contraception, in a person under a legal disability
- Appearing (unled) on behalf of a medical practitioner in the Inquest into the death of Mark Raisin
- Appearing (unled) on behalf of a medical practitioner in the Inquest into the death of Shirley Haggett
- Acting (as a solicitor) for a medical practitioner in the Inquest into the death of Mason Jet Lee
- Acting (unled) for various medical practitioners in disciplinary proceedings referred to QCAT by the Office of the Health Ombudsman and the Medical Board of Australia
- Acting (led by Mr Geoffrey Diehm KC) for a respondent health practitioner Queensland Court of Appeal proceedings in relation to an appeal of a decision by QCAT to remove conditions imposed on a health practitioner's registration
- Acting (led by Mr Geoffrey Diehm KC) in various catastrophic injury cases involving claims of damages in excess of \$10M
- Appearing (unled) for the adult in QCAT at an application for the appointment of a guardian and administrator under the *Guardian and Administration Act 2000*
- Acting and appearing for health practitioners and regulators in merits review proceedings under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Queensland)*
- Acting and appearing for health practitioners and regulators in disciplinary proceedings under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Queensland)*
- Acting and appearing in merits review proceedings in QCAT
- Acting (led by Amelia Wheatley KC) for a health practitioner in the Health Service Investigation into obstetrics and gynaecology services at the Mackay Hospital and Health System
- Acting for the NIISQ Agency in a merits review of a decision as to the eligibility of a proposed participant
- Acting and appearing in civil claims against professionals (including medical negligence)
- Acting (as solicitor) in a matter to quash an investigation report adverse to a medical practitioner by way of judicial review, which was concurrent with acting for that practitioner in industrial disputes under the *Public Service Act 2008*
- Avoiding the statutory prosecution of a geomembrane specialist in relation to alleged offences under the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* (as solicitor)

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