

# PATRICK DONELEY

Senior Consultant



“ Courtrooms teach you the rules of engagement, but boardrooms teach you what actually matters to a business. I mix both so you get answers that work in reality, not just on paper.  
– Patrick Doneley, Senior Solicitor, AXM Law ”

### Introduction

To navigate complex corporate challenges, you must blend top-tier private practice litigation with pragmatic, in-house commercial insight.

As a Senior Consultant at AXM Law, Patrick brings over a decade of legal experience across corporate advisory, commercial litigation, and senior in-house roles to the firm.

## Expertise

- Commercial litigation and dispute resolution
  - Corporate law and commercial transactions
  - Corporate governance and company secretarial
  - Insolvency and bankruptcy law
  - Commercial contracts and compliance
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## Experience

Recent transactions and cases of note include:

- managing a \$70 million commercial property dispute (Clarence Property Corporation v Sentinel Robina Office Pty Ltd) between co-owners of a landmark building from trial in the Supreme Court of QLD through to the High Court of Australia;
  - serving as In-House Corporate Counsel & Assistant Company Secretary for The Envest Group, driving corporate advisory and governance strategies during a period of exceptional corporate growth;
  - advising on hostile and non-hostile takeovers for two ASX-listed investment companies (Benjamin Hornigold Limited and Henry Morgan Limited), representing interests in associated Takeovers Panel proceedings;
  - acting as Legal, Commercial, and Compliance Adviser to Rheinmetall Defence Australia, establishing its operations as a major national defence contractor through the land 400 tender and delivery programs;
  - acting as In-House Legal Counsel to ASX-listed Cromwell Property Group, successfully navigating corporate governance and legal risk through a significant takeover approach and COVID-19 operational challenges;
  - litigating a highly complex cross-border class action (Kadam v MiiResorts Group 1 Pty Ltd) stemming from the Pearls Ponzi Scheme, focusing on multi-jurisdictional asset freezing and fund tracing;
  - running landmark reported insolvency test cases in the Federal Court of Australia (Gittins v Field) and the Supreme Court of Western Australia (Berryman v Zurich Australia Ltd) regarding the divisibility of insurance proceeds in bankruptcy.
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## Qualifications

- Practising law since 2016
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (Queensland University of Technology)
- Bachelor of Business Management (University of Queensland)
- Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (The College of Law)

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## **Memberships**

- Queensland Law Society
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia

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## **Career Highlights**

- Published Author in Proctor (QLS Journal) on the complexities of Good Faith contractual obligations in Australia.