

THOMAS LANE-PORTER

Senior Consultant



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Decisive commercial outcomes for corporate entities, directors, insolvency practitioners and bankrupts trustees.

– Thomas Lane-Porter, Senior Solicitor, AXM Law

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Introduction

To secure exceptional litigation outcomes, you must combine superior advocacy with highly technical, commercially grounded mastery of insolvency and corporate law.

As a Senior Consultant at AXM Law, Thomas brings focused expertise in private practice across commercial litigation, corporate disputes, and insolvency to the firm.

Expertise

- Complex commercial and corporate litigation
 - Insolvency, bankruptcy, and corporate restructuring
 - Building, construction, and infrastructure disputes
 - Taxation, revenue, and state duty litigation
 - Administrative law and judicial review proceedings
 - Equity, trusts, and shareholder disputes
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Experience

Recent transactions and cases of note include:

- representing a premier construction firm in ten separate multi-jurisdictional disputes (QLD/VIC) involving delay costs, contractual variations, and appellate proceedings (Taringa Property Group v Kenik);
 - acting for insolvency practitioners and liquidators in public examinations, multi-million dollar preference claims, and complex trust indemnification recoveries (Modco Residential Pty Ltd (in liq) v Nextruss Steel Pty Ltd);
 - litigating high-stakes corporate disputes involving professional services deeds, shareholder gridlocks, and formal applications for court-ordered access to company books (Dangar Nominees v Bar 2 Dot);
 - running reported Supreme Court test cases regarding winding-up proceedings and the court's dynamic discretion to grant corporate stays (Barrett Group v Kenik);
 - advising corporate directors on formal restructuring strategies, including Deeds of Company Arrangement (DOCAs), Personal Insolvency Agreements (PIAs), and setting aside Director Penalty Notices (DPNs);
 - acting against the Commissioner of State Revenue in Supreme Court and QCAT review proceedings regarding major commercial property liability assessments (Sandgate Road Property v Commissioner of State Revenue);
 - serving as solicitor advocate for Commonwealth bodies, including the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the Department of Home Affairs under formal federal panel arrangements; and
 - providing long-term corporate advisory counsel to an ASX-listed resources entity, advising receivers on the strategic cross-border recovery of international mining assets.
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Qualifications

- Practising law since 2019
 - Bachelor of Laws (Honours) (Queensland University of Technology)
 - Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (The College of Law)
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Memberships

- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland
 - Solicitor of the High Court of Australia
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Career Highlights

- Secured continuous promotions across premier Australian commercial firms, rising from Lawyer to Associate, Senior Associate, and Senior Consultant by 2025.