

JAMES BELL QC

Year of call - 1976
Year of silk - 1993

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Alternative Dispute Resolution
Arbitration
Appellate
Commercial
Equity
Commissions of Inquiry

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Commerce. (UQ)
- Bachelor of Law (UQ)
- Master of Laws (1998: Cambridge)
- Mediation Qualifications – Bond University; Harvard Law School

CAREER HISTORY

- 1978 to 1993 – practised as a Junior Counsel
- 1993 to present – practised principally at Queensland Bar as a silk.
- Numerous complex trials and appeals (including to High Court of Australia) involving commercial disputes: mining, fraud, trade practices, contract, tort and company, succession, insurance, insolvency and construction.
- Commissions of Inquiry: Fitzgerald Inquiry acting for the former Premier Sir Joh Bjelke Petersen; appeared for the Australian Federal Police at the inquiry styled Operation Walia; Counsel Assisting in the Racing Inquiry; appeared for the Anglican Church and Archbishop Aspinall in the Commission of Inquiry into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and appeared at the Inquest into the Dreamworld tragedy (for Ardent Leisure) and many other inquiries.
- 1996 to present – numerous court appointments as mediator in the Supreme Court of Queensland, Federal Court of Australia and other courts, including appointments by the Minister for Mines and Energy and other Government agencies and appointments to mediate partnership disputes in relation to legal and accounting firms, construction disputes and others

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