DAMIEN GATES

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative Law Criminal Law Domestic Violence and Family Protection Family Law Inquests/Commissions of Inquiry/Statutory Tribunals WPH&S Transportation Law (Aviation)

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (QUT)

CAREER HISTORY

Damien has experience in criminal justice since 1991 and was called to the bar in 2014. He regularly appears in Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts in Queensland and has also appeared in the Court of Appeal.

He is available to be briefed in trials, pre-trial applications and sentences in the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts, and appeals in the Court of Appeal. He also has experience in matters being dealt with in the Mental Health Court. Damien has appeared in numerous trials, for defence and prosecution, in sentences, on legal arguments, and bail applications across Queensland. He has represented clients at QCAT and the CCC.

Damien is briefed regularly for the defence and also for the prosecution for the State and for the Commonwealth, including criminal law, transportation law and workplace health and safety matters. Damien is appointed to the Legal Aid Queensland complex case panel and has appeared on applications regarding parole and under the Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003 (Qld).

He regularly appears for applicants and respondents in domestic violence matters and has experience in appearing as the representative for the Counselled Person in applications regarding Protected Counselling Communications when briefed by the Womens' Legal Service.

Damien has also developed a particular interest in Administrative Law, and the work of the Coroner's Court and other commissions of inquiry.

