



HARRIS FREIDMAN LAWYERS



Fiona McLay, Special Counsel

Fiona is an experienced litigator who acts for individuals and companies in a wide range of commercial litigation matters and in disputes involving deceased estates.

Before joining Harris Freidman in October 2007, Fiona worked for two national law firms where she focused on insurance litigation including coverage advice and defending negligence claims against hospitals, doctors, engineers, universities and other professionals on the instructions of their professional indemnity insurers.

Fiona's experience enables her to provide her clients with thorough, knowledgeable and practical legal advice. She actively looks for opportunities to resolve a dispute from the start if it can provide a quick and more cost effective result.

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Areas of Practice

- Commercial litigation
- Contract disputes
- Misleading and deceptive conduct
- Shareholder and partnership disputes
- Insurance coverage issues
- Deceased estate disputes
- Debt recovery and enforcement of securities

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (Honours), University of Sydney
- Bachelor of Economics, University of Sydney
- Admitted to practice 1996 (NSW)
- Solicitor of Supreme Court of NSW
- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia

And in her spare time...

Fiona enjoys watching films, devouring books and anticipating her next trip...

Recent highlights include:

Resolution of claims by investors in an agricultural managed investment scheme that prospectus was misleading – acted for director of the responsibility entity (2015).

Contested valuation of a financial services business following successful application by a minority shareholder for a buy out order (2014).

Advising management in a series of disputes with a founding member of a start up company (2014).

Revocation of grant of probate following breakdown of working relationship between executor and beneficiary (2014).

Complex disputes between family members involving interests in multi-million dollar group of family companies which generated fiercely contested litigation in the Supreme and District courts of NSW (2007 - 2011).

Successful resolution of claims for further provision from the estate of a very wealthy individual whose worldwide assets were located in a tax effective jurisdiction giving rise to issues of jurisdiction and international law (2012).

Successful resolution of a negligence claim against a property valuer who contested the decision of its insurer to deny indemnity under its professional indemnity policy (2010).