

## Brett Vincent



### Areas of Expertise

- Advice on all legal aspects of the building, construction, engineering and resources industries.
- Negotiating and drafting contractual documentation for the building, construction, engineering and resources industries.
- All forms of significant dispute resolution.

Brett is a legal director of the Vincent CCL Pty Limited.

Brett practices law in the development, building, construction, engineering and the resources industries.

He has a unique background having spent 10 years in the building and construction industry progressing from Junior Site Engineer to Project Manager. During this time he has gained an immense amount of practical experience and understanding of construction methods and practices.

Today Brett specialises in both front end and back end legal work. He has 14 years legal industry experience involving significant projects. With a mixed practice he has undertaken both drafting and advisory roles in a number of large developments. He has also run Supreme Court and International Arbitration claims in Australia and overseas for principals and contractors. International litigious cases of note include the Tsing Ma Bridge dispute, and the Sha Tin Building dispute. The first dispute concerned the recovery of nearly \$0.5 billion in damages.

In Sydney he has also recently created new law in relation to the *Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act*.

His past work experience has also seen him work as in-house counsel for Sydney Airports Corporation Limited and in private practice with some of Sydney's major legal firms.

As a result of his practical experience on site and his roles as an in-house lawyer, Brett understands the necessity of realistic, timely and cost effective legal advice.

Brett's wide experience in the area of construction law has been based on a thorough understanding of the industry. His background covers practical aspects of construction through the most advanced detail of construction law. He has applied those skills throughout Australia and is ideally placed to assist clients looking for the very best quality legal support.

### Recent Major Projects

**Infrastructure** – including railroads (equipment, rolling stock, sleepers), airports (Sydney Airports, airlines, contractors, security and information systems, vehicle usage).

**Building sector** – projects in Australia and overseas, with values ranging from \$500m to \$500,000.

**Legislation/Government** – experience at Federal, State, and Local Government level, as well as regulatory authorities, industry associations, and Standards Committees.

**Defence/Energy** – defence (contractual advice) and energy (NSW and Qld).

**Non-contentious experience** – includes consultancy agreements, contracts, negotiation, design and construct projects, finance, property, and strategic planning advice.

**Publications and speeches** – a variety of public addresses and journal articles on issues ranging from contracts, insurance, construction law, and legislative issues.