



Jody Williams practises in the areas of construction, infrastructure and insurance, primarily in the management of claims and dispute resolution. She also lectures at the University of Melbourne in sustainable planning and construction law.

Jody has broad experience advising on contract documentation, project claims management and dispute resolution, both as a solicitor and a member of the Victorian Bar. Jody also has extensive experience in insurance law and professional indemnity.

Jody was the Company Secretary of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council from 2021 to 2024 and remains as a member of the Governance and People Committee.

Jody's experience includes

Advising an insurer in relation to Supreme Court proceedings arising from the construction of the Burnley Tunnel as part of the CityLink Project and negotiating the resolution of the claims at mediation.

Advising both contractors and insurers in relation to claims relating to construction defects and negligent design.

Acting on behalf of the owner and operator of subsea oilfield equipment in an arbitration arising from the defective installation of the equipment.

Acting on behalf of the designers of the Barwon Water Sewage Treatment Plant and advising their insurers in Supreme Court proceeding arising from the design and construction of the plant.

Advising an insurer in relation to Supreme Court proceedings arising from a train derailment on a large-scale mining operation in the Pilbara.

Advising Project Co and acting in arbitrations and Federal Court proceedings in relation to the delivery of hospital infrastructure in South Australia including the management of claims both upstream and downstream.

Advising the owner of the Victorian Desalination Plant in relation to a range of project issues.

Acting for Project Co in Supreme Court proceedings in relation to defect claims arising from a large hospital infrastructure project in Victoria.

Acting on behalf of architects, engineers and other professionals and insurers in relation to professional indemnity claims.

Developing the curriculum and lecturing in Planning and Building Sustainable Cities in the Masters of Construction Law program at the University of Melbourne.

Lectured and tutored in Sustainable Infrastructure Systems in the Masters of Engineering program at the University of Melbourne.

Jody authored the following research papers

"Sustainable Construction: Developments and Opportunities", a commended entry in the Society of Construction Law Brooking Prize (2016);

"An Environmental Assessment of the Victorian Desalination Plant", National Environmental Law Review (2018);

"Business as Usual – The key environmental considerations for industry, government and the legal profession as we come out of Covid 19", Law Institute Journal 2021 (Jan/Feb) 32 (joint author); and

"Corporate Governance – Nature Positive Outcomes", Law Institute Journal 2022 (Jan/Feb) 40.

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