

Jessica Rippon

Principal Solicitor

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Summary

Jessica is the Principal Solicitor at Construction Legal with over 20 years' experience in various areas of law commercial law; property and construction law; construction finance; work health and safety; and industrial relations. She has in-depth knowledge across front end, back end and claims and disputes.

Jessica has acted for a broad range of clients across key private sector and government clients, including CBP, John Holland, Deicorp Constructions, Martinus, NBN Co, Downer EDI, New World Engineering & Construction, Woolworths and City of Parramatta Council.

Qualifications

- » Masters of Construction Law (Hons) (LLM)
- » Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
- » Bachelor of Commerce (BCA) RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL LEASING

Memberships

- » Member of Institute of Company Directors
- » Member of NSW Law Society.
- » Member of Society of Construction Law.

Key Roles

- » **2014–current**
Founding Director and Principal,
Construction Legal
- » **2014–2018**
General Counsel, Deicorp Constructions
- » **2004–2014**
Senior Associate (Construction),
Corrs Chambers Westgarth
- » **2003 – 2004**
Solicitor, Lovegrove Building Lawyers

Highlights

Litigation: Acting for various owners corporations and developers, including Downer, Deicorp, Winten Group, Poly Global and various tier 2 and 3 contractors.

Residential Building Projects: Acting for developers and head contractors, including Stockland, Deicorp and Toga Group, in negotiating contracts for the design and construction of residential developments. Acting for Masters Home Improvement & Masters Installation (part of the Woolworths Group) to establish suite of residential contracts and builder licences across each State & Territory.

Commercial & Retail Projects: Acting for developers such as Stockland, Westfield and Fabcot in complex contract negotiations for construction of shopping centres and retail stores.

Renewables Projects: Acting for various contractors in contract negotiations and/or contract reviews for various Solar Projects, Power Stations and Wind Projects including Laverton Power Station, Kemerton Power Station, Clare Solar Farm, Clermont Solar and Haughton Solar Farm.

Major Projects

Westgate Tunnel Project (\$5 billion): Jessica acted for the John Holland CPB Contractors Joint Venture on the Westgate Tunnel project which is currently under construction in Melbourne, Victoria. Her involvement included working closely with the Project PMO on contractual issues and advising on major head contract claims.

Parramatta Square Redevelopment (\$2.7 billion): Jessica is one of the key legal advisors for City of Parramatta Council on what is one of the largest urban renewal projects in the country. The project involves the design and construction of a Riverside Theatre, Aquatic Centre, Discovery Centre, Civic Centre, Premium Grade Office and Retail Towers and 6,000 sqm of open public space. Jessica advises on all aspects of the project including tendering, project deed negotiations, contract administration and dispute resolution.

NSW Government's Rolling Stock Public Private Partnership (\$3.6 billion): Jessica acted for Downer EDI in the design and manufacture of the State's next generation suburban passenger trains for RailCorp. Jessica's role included the day-to-day legal support over five years from bid phase through to design development and manufacturing; completion of a six-month secondment to assist senior executives at Downer on potential litigation.

National Broadband Network (\$4.7 billion): Acting for NBN during the inception stage of the NBN in 2009. Involvement included ongoing support and advice to project teams and business units during the roll out of the first five 'Fibre to the Premises' network rollout contracts.