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special counsel

Kazia is a Special Counsel at Tottle Partners, specialising in commercial litigation with a focus on construction and engineering disputes.

First admitted as a solicitor in Sydney in 2004, Kazia worked at a national firm across a range of general commercial matters and regularly appeared in the Supreme and District Courts of NSW. She has since honed her litigation skills in Perth at two global firms and at Tottle Partners, having worked alongside partner Richard Wilenski for 9 years. Kazia was appointed Special Counsel in 2019.

Kazia has acted for commercial clients in a range of forums including mediations, arbitrations, adjudications, the Building Commission, the State Administrative Tribunal, the Federal Court and the District and Supreme Courts of NSW and WA, across a variety of matters including contract, tort, property, consumer and competition law, intellectual property and insolvency. Her particular specialty is in construction and engineering matters—including the resolution of contract claims and adjudications under security of payment legislation.

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Kazia's experience includes:

Representing a global engineering company in an international arbitration in relation to its variation and delay claims arising under an EPCM contract for the construction of a minerals processing plant.

Advising a WA university responding to claims arising from the design and construction of a complex university building and associated structures.

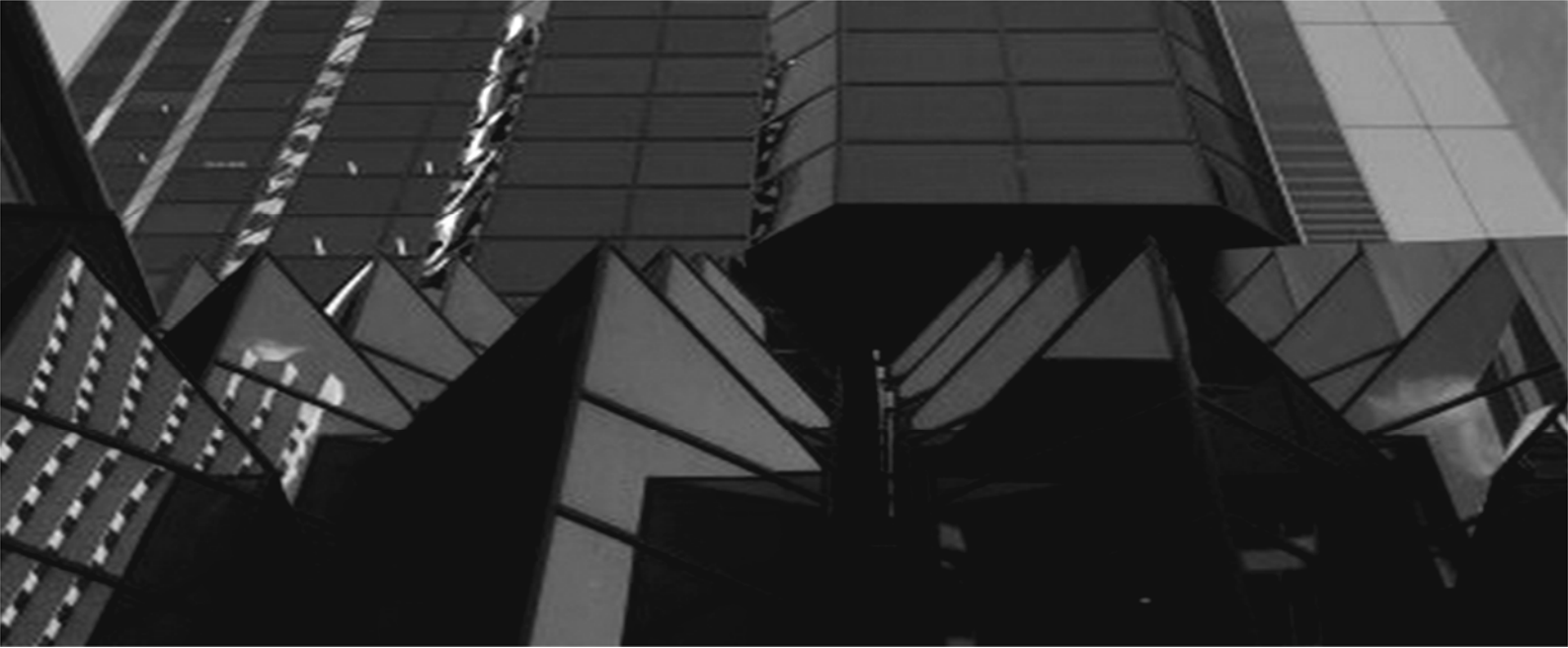
Advising a listed civil construction and mining contractor in relation to a number of large scale projects across its portfolio including highway construction, mining construction camps and housing developments.

Acting for a global mechanical services contractor in relation to claims arising from the construction of a WA public hospital.

Advising a listed construction company in relation to misrepresentations made by a mining company during pre-contractual negotiations.

Representing a construction contractor in the WA Supreme Court defending its right to call on the subcontractor's guarantees.

Representing an oil and gas company in a WA Supreme Court matter in relation to the proper construction of terms in a seismic data licence agreement relating to the circumstances in which the licensee is required to pay a further fee.



Acting for a NSW state authority defending the basis on which it issued and managed tenders for the purchase of land and seeking the urgent removal of caveats lodged by a tenderer.

Representing an Australian bank in relation to a dispute arising from a member's total permanent disability entitlements.

Advising a technology services company in relation to claims for economic loss arising from a plane crash.

Acting for a national retailer of handbags, suitcases and wallets in relation to trade mark infringement proceedings.

Acting for a global bank to obtain an urgent injunction preventing the publication of defamatory material.

Advising and acting for a Commonwealth entity on the operation of the Corporations Act and conducting a number of statutory examinations.

Kazia is a member of the Society of Construction Law Australia and the Law Society of Western Australia.