

NAME

Ron Ashton

**TITLE
QUALIFICATIONS**

Partner
*LLB (Hons) (University of Queensland, 1973),
LLM (British Columbia, 1976)*

**PRINCIPAL AREAS OF
PRACTICE**

- Disability insurance
- Professional indemnity and malpractice claims
- Medical malpractice
- Product liability
- Environmental risks
- Public liability
- General insurance including property and ISR
- Risk management
- Aviation and marine insurance
- Workers' compensation
- Personal injury claims
- Commercial litigation
- Directors' and Officers'

**SPECIFIC PROJECT
INVOLVEMENT**

In addition to servicing a large number of insurance industry clients in major claims work and cases such as AWA, Estate Mortgage, and Dartmouth Dam, Ron provides insurance and risk management advice (including due diligence undertakings) for corporate clients.

- Conducted the due diligence in respect of a building society merger— specifically in relation to mortgage insurance arrangements.
- Advised a major regional bank on its Directors and Officers' insurance policies.
- Advised a national banking group on its Errors and Omissions cover and banker's blanket bond policies.
- Provided general policy advice and reviewed Directors and Officers' policies for a major Australian resources company. Also conducted a series of workshops and seminars for its senior executives in relation to these matters.
- Advised a media company on its Directors' and Officers' insurance cover.
- Acts in medical negligence cases for two major Brisbane-based public hospitals and a number of regional public hospitals.

Corporate Clients

- **Comalco Limited:** advised on all insurance-related aspects of the purchase of the Gladstone Power Station, including reviewing contractual documentation, redrafting provisions where necessary, and reviewing insurance policy documents. This work has included review of complex ISR and business interruption issues.



- **Brisbane City Council:** advised on risk pooling.
- **Department of Defence:** advised on the insurance provisions in their suite of construction contracts.
- **Queensland Treasury Corporation:** reviewed insurance provisions of lending agreements and examined borrowers' insurance programme in relation to the Mica Creek Project.
- **Ipswich and West Moreton Building Society Limited:** Conducted the due diligence in respect of the merger with First Provincial Building Society— specifically in relation to mortgage insurance arrangements.
- **New South Wales Water Board:** advised on insurance, particularly material damage and business interruption aspects of the tender and subsequent contract documents, for the Blue Mountains Sewage Pipeline.
- **Austotel:** conducted an insurance and risk management audit.
- **CRA:** conducted review of Directors and Officers' wordings and participated with risk manager and insurer in presentation for Board and senior management regarding Directors and Officers' cover.
- **ANZ** advised on bankers' bond covers.
- **Brambles:** advised on its liability programs and transit and cash covers for renegotiations with London underwriters.
- **MIM:** advised on material damage and business interruption wordings and conduct of major litigation regarding business interruption claim.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Director, Sunstate Mortgage Insurance Limited
- Councilor, Incorporated Council of Law Reporting
- Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Queensland
- Lecturer, Bar Practice Course
- Member, Insurance Law Association of Australia
- Member, Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand
- Former Director, GIO Australia Holdings Limited
- Former Chairman of the Board, RACQ-GIO Insurance Limited
- Immediate Past President, RACQ
- Former Chairman, Queensland Law Society Claims Committee
- Former Executive Member, Federal Litigation Section, Law Council of Australia
- Former Chairman, Aviation Law Association of Australia (Queensland Branch)
- Former Councilor, Australian Institute of Judicial Administration
- Former Committee Member ADR Division, Litigation Reform Commission
- Member, Insurance Law Association of Australia