

Arnold Bloch Leibler

Lawyers and Advisers



Robert Heathcote, LLB (Melb)

Senior Litigation Counsel

- commercial litigation and dispute resolution
- corporate governance and risk management
- contested takeover litigation
- white-collar crime defence

Robert Heathcote is a highly experienced litigation & dispute resolution lawyer and has, for many years, been recognised as one of Australia's leading commercial litigators. He has been involved in many of Australia's largest and most complex commercial matters, and numerous regulatory and government inquiries and Royal Commissions.

As Senior Litigation Counsel, Robert provides strategic and risk management advice in superior court litigation and appellate matters, and has been involved in a number of high-profile cases.

Robert joined Arnold Bloch Leibler as a partner in 1976 and has played a crucial role in building and developing the reputation of the firm in general, and its litigation practice in particular, which under his leadership has attracted a wide range of clients seeking assistance in highly complex and sensitive matters.

Practice focus

Robert counsels clients on a variety of corporate, litigation and strategic matters, including corporate governance, directors' duties, disclosure obligations, corporate compliance matters and internal investigations.

Clients appreciate Robert's skill in identifying appropriate risk levels, likely outcomes and the best course of action. Where necessary, Robert manages large, complex, often sensitive and long-term litigation, with a particular emphasis on corporate governance-related issues.

Robert has defended leading corporate identities against allegations of white-collar crime, particularly in the areas of tax, securities fraud, insider trading and breaches of the *Corporations Act*. He has also represented numerous individuals and companies at Royal Commissions and Government Commissions of Inquiry, and in class actions and other civil suits.

Robert is recognised internationally for his unrivalled expertise and has been identified in several leading international legal guides, including *Chambers World's Leading Lawyers*, *Legal Media Group Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers*, *PLC Which Lawyer?*, *IFLR1000*, and a nomination in *The Best of the Best – World's Leading Lawyers*, a publication that identifies the top 20 lawyers worldwide in particular areas of specialisation.

Major clients

Robert has provided strategic and risk management advice to corporations and numerous directors of both publicly listed and privately owned Australian and international companies including:

- ANZ Banking Corporation Limited;
- Australian Wheat Board Limited;
- BHP Billiton Limited;
- Fosters Group Limited;
- James Hardie Industries NV;
- National Australia Bank Limited;
- NM Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Limited;
- Nufarm Limited;
- Primelife Corporation Limited;
- Rail America Inc.;
- Southcorp Limited;
- Visy Industries ; and
- Norcross plc.

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