

Arnold Bloch Leibler

Lawyers and Advisers



John Mengolian, BA LLB (Deakin)

Partner

- commercial litigation
- property and property development litigation
- building and construction litigation
- lease disputes

John Mengolian practises in commercial litigation with a particular emphasis on property development and property-related litigation, and building and construction disputes.

John has acted for a variety of clients, including commercial and residential property developers, builders, land owners and purchasers.

John graduated in arts and law in 2001 and was admitted to practice in Victoria in 2002. He was formerly a lawyer at a mid-tier firm, where he acted for clients in a diverse range of matters, including property disputes, residential and commercial building disputes, mining disputes and a variety of other commercial litigation matters.

John joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 2005, was appointed as a senior associate in 2007 and then as a partner in 2010.

Practice focus

John's practice focuses on the following areas:

- property and property development disputes, lease disputes, and building and construction disputes, including disputes arising out of a wide range of commercial agreements;
- tortious disputes, and misleading and deceptive conduct claims; and
- commercial litigation in the Supreme, County, Federal and appellate Courts, as well as alternative dispute resolution, including negotiation, mediation, arbitration and conciliation.

Major assignments

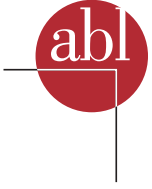
John has acted for major Australian property developers and builders in a range of litigation matters, including:

- Mirvac Group and other property developers: in a number of proceedings involving alleged misrepresentations in relation to 'off the plan' apartment sales;
- Development Ventures: in relation to Supreme Court proceedings regarding a major subdivision and development of a property in Ormeau, Queensland;
- Pacific Shopping Centres: in proceedings concerning earthmoving and associated works conducted at a site adjoining its Epping Plaza Shopping Centre;
- Medallist Projects: in relation to a dispute involving a subdivision and development at the Settlers Run Project located in Cranbourne;

- Alutec International: in relation to claims made by Alutec in connection with the construction of aluminium smelters in Iceland and Bahrain;
- a number of adjudications under the *Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002*, including large scale adjudications in respect of the Point Cook Town Centre project and Whitten Oval redevelopment;
- Bensons Funds Management: in relation to a case involving wrongful rescission of a contract of sale for the purchase of real estate, in which Bensons was wholly successful and received an order for indemnity costs;
- FKP Property Group: in relation to Federal Court proceedings involving a lease dispute in respect of a site at Tarneit;
- Addenbrooke: in relation to a dispute in the Commercial Court involving the sale of retail premises at Freshwater Place;
- joint venture parties: in arbitrations and court proceedings in respect of development disputes;
- principals and builders: in respect of a number of proceedings involving defective building works;
- receivers and principals in relation to developments involving insolvent builders;
- high-net-worth individuals: in relation to major domestic building disputes at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal;
- civil subcontractors: in relation to disputes concerning road and infrastructure projects; and
- landlords and tenants: in retail lease and commercial lease disputes.

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