

# Arnold Bloch Leibler

Lawyers and Advisers



## Leonie Thompson, BA LLB (Monash)

### Partner

- commercial litigation and dispute resolution
- constitutional and administrative law
- corporate governance and risk management

Leonie Thompson is a key commercial litigation partner who enjoys a diverse practice and a wide variety of clients. Her practice has a particular focus on large complex litigation and commissions of inquiry. Leonie acts for major Australian corporate clients, various private clients and government authorities in a broad range of matters.

Leonie joined Arnold Bloch Leibler in 1994 and was admitted to the partnership in 1998. Prior to joining Arnold Bloch Leibler, Leonie was a lawyer in the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office and acted in constitutional, public law and major commercial matters. Leonie continues to conduct constitutional and public law matters for private clients.

### Practice focus

Leonie's practice focuses on the following areas:

- commercial litigation and dispute resolution;
- constitutional and public law matters;
- corporate governance, including strategic advice to clients on directors' duties, risk management and due process issues;
- general commercial and strategic advice; and
- provision of pro-bono legal services to the Australian Conservation Foundation and other charitable bodies.

### Major assignments

Leonie has acted in a range of matters, including on behalf of:

- former non-executive directors of GIO: in a Federal Court class action by shareholders relating to matters arising from AMP's takeover bid;
- Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA): at the Longford Royal Commission and advising VWA in its subsequent prosecution of Esso for breaches of Occupational Health and Safety legislation;
- The Australian Steel Company (Operations) Pty Ltd: in relation to its constitutional challenge of the Victorian Smelter Reduction electricity levy;
- a group of investors: in proceedings brought against Village Roadshow relating to their investment in the production of the film *The Matrix*;
- AWB: in relation to the Oil-for-Food Inquiry;
- Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation: in relation to its review of the public lottery licence; and
- the former Managing Director of the Patrick Group: in relation to proceedings brought by the ACCC under sections 45 and 76 of the *Trade Practices Act 1974*.

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