

## André Raymond Zahra SC



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André has over 27 years of legal experience, including over 21 years practising as a barrister. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2020.

André was called to the New South Wales bar in 2004. He has a broad and busy commercial practice with a focus on trials and appeals, regularly appearing in the Supreme Court of New South Wales, including the New South Wales Court of Appeal, and the Federal Court of Australia. André has also appeared in various other Courts, Tribunals and Commissions of Inquiry and Inquests, including coronial inquests and at the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and has successfully represented clients at countless mediations where negotiated settlements have been achieved.

Particular areas of specialty include various commercial disputes, banking and insolvency, corporations law, equity, insurance, property disputes and acting for solicitors and barristers in professional negligence cases. Solicitors and clients have described André as friendly and easy to work with but dedicated to best representing the interests of his clients and always striving to achieve the best outcomes for them.

André has been recognised by *Doyles Guide* on multiple occasions as a recommended counsel in a number of discrete fields – namely commercial litigation and dispute resolution, professional indemnity, insolvency and restructuring. He has also been recognised as a leading commercial disputes Senior Counsel by *The Legal 500*. André is regularly briefed by a number of major banks and insurers as well as leading liquidators and a variety of corporations.

André commenced his legal career as Associate to the Hon. Justice Graham Hill in the Federal Court of Australia. Prior to being called to the Bar in 2004, he was a Senior Associate at a leading Sydney law firm. André is a director and former floor secretary of Ninth Floor Selborne Chambers and he presently chairs the chamber's readership selection committee.

André was a member of one of the Bar Association's Professional Conduct Committees from 2017 to 2022.

## Admissions

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Appointed Senior Counsel: 2020

Barrister at the New South Wales Bar: 2004

Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia: 1999

## Qualifications

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Bachelor of Laws, University of New South Wales

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Secondary Education, Sydney Grammar School

## Main Practice Areas

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Appellate

Banking

Contracts

Corporations Law

Insurance & Reinsurance

Professional Negligence

Bankruptcy

Commercial

Corporate Insolvency

Equity

Inquests and Commissions of Inquiry

Property