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JOB BRIEF

Associate/Senior Associate – Construction (Back-end)

Job Description

Maddocks have an exciting opportunity for an Associate or Senior Associate to join their construction litigation team, working with Paul Woods and Anna Scannell.

The Maddocks Construction team has five Partners and works across both front and back-end matters. The team services range of clients, including large construction companies and developers as well as government departments and entities. Industries include commercial, energy, gas, electricity, road, rail, mining and residential projects.

Applicants will have the opportunity to work both autonomously and collaboratively with Partners and other members of the team on both mid and larger scale construction matters. Front-end work and exposure may be available to interested applicants.

Reporting Line Profiles



The following profiles have been sourced from publicly available information via LinkedIn or the Law Firm website. Ablethorpe Recruitment does not accept any responsibility for incorrect information contained therein.

PAUL WOODS

at Maddocks
Docklands, Victoria, Australia

SUMMARY

Paul is a partner in the Construction & Projects team at Maddocks, a national law firm in Australia. He advises on the resolution of complex disputes in the design, construction and commissioning of building and infrastructure projects, as well as the preparation and negotiation of project documents. He has advised on building, energy (gas & electricity), road, rail, water, mining and residential development projects. He advises on construction-related insurance claims (professional indemnity, contract works, public liability and environmental liability), and security of payment matters.

Chambers Asia Pacific, 2017-2023, recognised practitioner for Construction.
Legal 500 Asia Pacific, Infrastructure Projects & Construction – Leading Individual 2023.
Best Lawyers Australia, 2014-2023, listed for Construction/ Infrastructure.
Doyle's Guide, 2013 – 2023, ranked amongst Preeminent Construction & Infrastructure Litigation lawyers in Victoria.

EXPERIENCE

Maddocks
20 years

Partnership Chair
July 2023 – Present (2 years 1 month)

Partner
July 2007 – Present (18 years 1 month)

Senior Associate
August 2005 – June 2007 (1 year 11 months)
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Pinsent Masons
Lawyer
April 2003 – July 2005 (2 years 4 months)

Deacons
Solicitor
March 1997 – May 2003 (6 years 3 months)
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Government House (Victoria)
Aide to the Governor of Victoria
March 1998 – August 1999 (1 year 6 months)
Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Sly & Weigall (later Deacons)
Articled Clerk
March 1996 – February 1997 (1 year)

EDUCATION

Harvard Business School
Course, Leading Professional Services Firms (March 2015 – March 2015)

Monash University
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (1991 – 1994)

ANNA SCANNELL

Construction & Projects Partner at Maddocks
Greater Melbourne Area

SUMMARY

Anna specialises in the resolution of disputes on construction and infrastructure projects acting, primarily, for a mix of Government and contractor clients. The types of projects on which Anna has advised include transport infrastructure (rail, road and airport), civil infrastructure (water and gas pipelines), social infrastructure (hospitals, schools and universities) and commercial and residential developments. Before joining Maddocks, Anna worked in New Zealand and subsequently the United Arab Emirates, where she represented contractor clients in international arbitrations concerning high-value disputes arising out of some iconic projects, including the Burj Khalifa. Anna also has significant experience in court proceedings, domestic arbitration, expert determination, mediation, statutory adjudication and other methods of alternative dispute resolution.

Anna prides herself on understanding the technical and commercial complexities of construction and infrastructure projects, and providing early-stage, practical advice to assist her clients in identifying and dealing with potential disputes before they escalate to a costly, formal proceeding. Where a formal dispute cannot be avoided, Anna helps her clients to mitigate both their legal and commercial risk.

EXPERIENCE

Maddocks
13 years 9 months

Partner
July 2018 – Present (7 years 1 month)
Melbourne, Australia

Special Counsel
November 2011 – Present (13 years 9 months)

Clyde & Co LLP
Senior Associate
May 2008 – November 2011 (3 years 7 months)
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Pinsent Masons
Associate
January 2007 – March 2008 (1 year 3 months)
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Kensington Swan
Solicitor
January 2003 – December 2006 (4 years)
Wellington, New Zealand

EDUCATION

Victoria University of Wellington

LLB / BCA (1998 – 2002)

To Apply

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