



Mike Hill

POSITION	Partner	BRISBANE OFFICE
PHONE	+61 7 3333 9880	
MOBILE	+61 409 915 219	Level 15
EMAIL	mhill@mcgrathnicol.com	175 Eagle Street
WEBSITE	mcgrathnicol.com	Brisbane QLD 4000

Qualifications & Memberships

- Member, CA ANZ
- Bachelor of Commerce, University of New South Wales
- Bachelor of Law, University of New South Wales
- Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance, Securities Institute (now FINSIA)
- Certificate III – Investigative Services
- Certificate IV – Fraud Prevention and Detection
- Registered Liquidator
- Forensic Accounting Specialist, CA ANZ

Board Roles

- Non-Executive Deputy Chairman and Chair of the Finance Audit and Risk Committee for Foodbank Queensland

Mike specialises in dispute advisory, forensic investigations and business reviews and is a registered liquidator. Having worked as a Chartered Accountant for more than 25 years, Mike has extensive experience in the preparation of expert reports as part of legal proceedings and conducting investigations on behalf of government, financiers and private sector clients.

He has undertaken insolvency assignments, performed viability assessments, undertaken governance and business case reviews and financial modelling. He is also a director of an APRA licensed superannuation Acting Trustee.

Mike has worked across a wide range of industry sectors, including financial services, resources, construction, government, retail, manufacturing and superannuation.

Engagement Experience

Dispute advisory

- Acting as an independent expert quantifying the loss arising from a significant dispute between a generic pharmaceutical manufacturer and an international pharmaceutical company as a result of the overturning of a restraining order.
- Acting as consulting expert in relation to a regulatory investigation and subsequent class action brought in relation to alleged breaches of the continuous disclosure regime by a major Australian construction group.
- Preparation of an expert's report for the purposes of expert determination quantifying the excess labour associated with the upgrade and construction of a Queensland based coal handling plant.
- Acting as consulting expert in relation to a class action brought against the former directors of Kagara Limited, a collapsed miner with copper and zinc operations in Queensland as a result of alleged breaches of the continuous disclosure regime.
- Preparation of an independent expert's report tracing a series of fund transfers from Malaysia to Australia and the use of those funds to acquire properties.
- Preparation of an independent expert's report dealing with the calculation of an annual invoice reconciliation/adjustment process under a Queensland based gas supply agreement.
- Preparation of an independent's expert report quantifying the loss associated with a breach of design in relation to the manufacture and sale of steel privacy fencing.
- Preparation of independent experts reports as part of the Timbercorp and Willmott Forests class actions dealing with their affairs and disclosures prior to insolvency.
- Preparation of an expert's report quantifying the potential value of past and future fires that may arise from defective capacitors contained within evaporative coolers.
- Acting as an independent expert and the giving of evidence in relation to a minority oppression dispute involving the appropriateness of the borrowing of money to fund the payment of a dividend.



Mike Hill

Partner

- Preparation of an expert's report quantifying the loss suffered as a result of the delay in the operation of a drilling rig as a result of damaged sustained whilst being transported from Brisbane to a NSW mine site.
- Preparation of a series of complex financial models to quantify the amount to be repaid by a banking syndicate to a liquidator of the Bell Group of companies.
- Preparation of expert witness reports in relation to a series of leasing disputes involving a major Australian listed shopping centre owner.

Business reviews and insolvency

- Voluntary Administration of a group of companies involved in the wholesaling of after sales motor vehicle accessories.
- Receivership of the Nylex Group with responsibility for the retail business that was responsible for the sale of the Esky branded products.
- Voluntary administration of the ION Group of companies with responsibility for the automotive transmission manufacturing business in Albury.
- Court appointed liquidator of several entities that raised money from the public as part of the proposed listing of a synthetic fodder business.
- Court appointed Liquidator of several companies that were in breach of their AFSL licences, where ASIC was the applicant.
- Court appointed Receiver and Liquidator of PW Kitt Co Pty Ltd and related entities arising out of a significant fraud that involved the misappropriation of superannuation monies and the conversion of these monies into digital currencies. ASIC was the applicant.

Investigations

- Appointments by the Queensland Non-State Schools Accreditation Board as an inspector to review a number of Queensland independent schools to determine if they were compliant with the accreditation criteria under the relevant legislation and also whether the governing body was suitable. This involved detailed reviews of the governance policies and procedures as well as the conduct of the governing body of each school.
- Investigation into a fraud at a Sydney based fresh food wholesaler, the preparation of a report setting out the findings of the investigation and assisting with the obtaining of freezing orders against the relevant person.
- Leading the investigation into the collapse of mortgage fund providers Banksia Securities and Provident Capital including preparation for and the conduct of public examinations and the initiation of proceedings.
- Investigation into the Australian operations of an international mining company focusing on allegations of inappropriate procurement practices at a mine site.

Superannuation

- Acting Trusteeship of five public offer superannuation funds with assets in excess of \$300 million including the investigation of Australia's largest ever superannuation fraud and the lodgement of a compensation claim with the government.
- Inspectorships appointed by APRA to review the governance and compliance of the several trustees with their instruments of approval and the SIS Act;
- Acting Trusteeships/investigations of the Commercial Nominees and AS Nominees funds including investigations into the conduct and governance of the trustees.