

Hazel Brewer

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About Hazel

Hazel Brewer has 30 years' experience advising a variety of clients on shipping, offshore, international trade and marine insurance matters and disputes.

Hazel advises extensively on a broad range of spot and long-term commodities sale contracts, charter parties, contracts of affreightment, transshipment contracts, bills of lading and carriage issues relating to LNG, petroleum products, iron ore, nickel, copper and other concentrates and other export commodities

She has also assisted in the resolution of numerous offshore industry contract negotiations and disputes under contracts for offshore drilling units, accommodation vessels and for other offshore support and services, including seismic, anchor handling, geotechnical, heavy-lift and project cargo shipments, pilotage and towage contracts.

She also advises on regulatory issues (AMSA and NOPSEMA) and in relation to pollution incidents and environmental issues in Western Australia.

Hazel's dispute resolution expertise includes court litigation and domestic and international arbitrations, including under ICC, LMAA, SIAC and SCMA rules.

Hazel regularly presents at maritime industry events.

Experience

- Advising on international arbitrations and litigation, including:
 - Advising the liquidators of an Australian project logistics company on an AU\$30 million dispute, including securing a freezing order in advance of an award.
 - Advising a seismic vessel operator on various disputes with oil and gas companies.
 - Representing vessel owners and their liability insurers in bill of lading, general average and other disputes.
- Advising and representing Australian and international mining companies on offtake agreements, spot sale contract and chartering disputes.

- Advising exporters on marine aspects of prospective transshipment projects.
- Advising oil and gas operators on offshore and marine activities.
- Advising on vessel arrests and releases from arrest.
- Advising on pilotage and towage tenders, licences and contracts.

Credentials

Education

- University of Newcastle, LL.B., 1986

Admissions

- New South Wales, 2011
- England and Wales, 1990

Recognitions

- Highly recommended in *Lexology Index's* Client Choice Report 2026 for Transport – Shipping.
- Recognised for Shipping in Australia in *Chambers Asia Pacific* 2021-2026, where clients noted, “Hazel Brewer has excellent industry knowledge and experience” and that “She is totally across matters from a technical and legal perspective and has a real specialty understating all of shipping law jargon and complex matters and translating that for non-shipping folk.”
- Named as a Leading Individual for Transport: Shipping in *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2021-2025
- Listed as a Leading Admiralty, Shipping & Maritime Lawyer (Australia) in *Doyle's Guide* 2019-2025
- Recommended for Australia and New Zealand – Shipping in *Lexology Index* (previously *Who's Who Legal*) 2025, 2023 and 2021, where it was noted, “Hazel Brewer is highlighted for her top-tier work on complex shipping disputes”.

Expertise

Services

- Litigation
- International Dispute Resolution

Industries

- Commodities & Shipping

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