



The bedrock of commerce, whether in our **core client areas of agriculture, road transport** or other supply, is the understanding, which may or may not have contractual force, underpinning the relationship of parties who cooperate with a view to a profit. Whilst achieving common goals the parties generally remain content with the relationship and believe they understand what it entails. Invariably **when trust is broken**, the profit diminishes or one party questions the actions of the other, thoughts will turn back to just exactly what was agreed to cover limitless permutations of future events. **A dispute arises.**

Traditionally, **court litigation** focuses on how the relationship came into being and what the parties may have had in mind when they first met to discuss their enterprise and a judicial decision is made which leads to either victory or defeat for the fighting parties.

Barker Gotelee have many years of experience in **conducting litigation** in all the major courts in our jurisdiction and we are proud of our achievements on behalf of clients in obtaining **high rewards for clients** and on many occasions **saving a business whose existence depended on the result of the dispute**, however the backward looking process of **traditional litigation** is rarely a positive experience for the parties involved.

The Dispute Resolution department at Barker Gotelee have always worked closely with our clients and our Commercial Department to find **commercial answers** by looking forward and considering practical objectives and solutions in the context of the overall cost and risk of the litigation process. Much can be achieved at an early stage but we recognise also that often such possibilities may only be exploited by **tough affirmative action in the first place.**

We have successfully resolved by **negotiation disputes over partnerships, property interests, with insurers over indemnity, sales of goods and services with or without finance involvement, transport loss claims, claims over defective manufacture, significant multi million trust claims**, and all forms of dispute in the **employment context.**

At Barker Gotelee our primary aim is to offer you advice specifically tailored to your situation, **focusing on the bigger picture** and considering with you ways of protecting yourself against similar problems in the future but we will not compromise on the tough assertion of your case.

In addition to **commercial disputes** we have wide and varied experience of other contentious areas including **Trust and Inheritance disputes, Negligence, Nuisance and Personal Injury.**

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