

# Professional Indemnity Insurance for Barristers

## When experience counts

### Direct Service

Suncorp Insurance is one of the largest professional indemnity insurers for Australian barristers. You have direct access to the insurer and can speak to an underwriter with authority to make decisions.

### Some quick facts about Suncorp Insurance

- Providing professional indemnity insurance for barristers since 1992
- Suncorp has dealt with over 1,950 notifications and claims for barristers
- Suncorp has paid over \$47,000,000 in compensation and defence costs for barristers arising from accusations of negligence or misconduct
- In QLD over 580 notifications and over \$12,000,000 paid
- In WA over 220 notifications and over \$5,000,000 paid
- In NSW over 890 notifications and over \$22,000,000 paid
- In other Australian jurisdictions over 240 notifications and over \$7,000,000 paid

### Claim Examples

#### Early Involvement of Insurer

The insured barrister acted against the complainant in court proceedings. The complainant was unsuccessful at court.

The complainant went on to commence court action against the insured barrister and their instructing solicitors, the judge, Legal Aid and the court appointed "family consultant".

The complainant made an allegation of negligence against the insured barrister.

Suncorp instructed its panel lawyers to make an early application to summarily dismiss the proceeding against the insured barrister on the basis that the insured barrister had no duty of care to the complainant and could rely on advocate's immunity.

The proactive strategy was successful and saw the matter resolved promptly, with limited disruption to the insured barrister.



Suncorp Insurance - insuring barristers for more than thirty years.

## Claim Examples continued

### Low Prospects Complaint

The insured barrister acted for the complainant in a crime matter. The complainant received a conviction and fine. The complainant appealed both their conviction and fine using different legal representation. The conviction was upheld, the fine was reduced.

When the insured barrister sought payment of outstanding fees, the complainant made a costs assessment application and also a lengthy complaint to the Bar Association alleging incompetence on the basis of the reduced fine.

Suncorp's experienced claims handlers assisted the insured and Suncorp's legal panel lawyers acted on behalf of the insured in responding to the complaint. The complaint was successfully dismissed.

## Strong and secure

Suncorp Insurance is part of one of the largest general insurance groups in Australia. We've been providing professional indemnity insurance to barristers for more than thirty years.

## Claims Expertise

If you make a claim, you can expect fast and easy lodgment with the support of our dedicated Suncorp claims team.

We work with you in seeking fair and timely claims resolutions and take pride in a common-sense approach to claims management.

Barristers that have had claims made against them have appreciated dealing directly with our claims professionals that are based here in Australia and are only a phone call away.

## Review your Limit of Indemnity

**We recommend that you review your Limit of Indemnity regularly to ensure that you are adequately protected.**

Is your current Limit of Indemnity sufficient to meet your needs?

### Suncorp benefits


- A civil liability cover tailored to barristers' requirements
- Cover for compensation orders and costs orders
- Limits of indemnity up to \$20 million available
- Unlimited reinstatements of your limit of indemnity
- 7 year run off cover
- Loss of documents cover
- Defence costs in addition to the limit of indemnity
- Highly experienced and accessible staff and a quality claims handling service
- Credit cards are accepted to pay your premium
- Continuous cover extension – under the continuous cover extension, claims arising from innocently late reported circumstances are accepted if continuous cover with Suncorp is maintained.
- Inquiry costs extension up to the per claim limit of the policy

### Need more info?

- You can access our policy wording [here](#).
- You can read our privacy statement [here](#).

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