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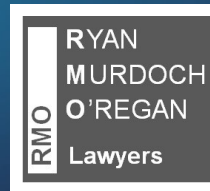
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Professional Negligence



Fearless action. We're on your side.

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About Ryan Murdoch O'Regan Lawyers

We are a general law practice which is organised into teams of specialised experts in each of our areas of law.

Our practice area teams are committed to focussing on their area of law to ensure you always have the expertise that you need.

And, unlike some other firms – who focus on only one area of law – we can offer expert solutions for all legal areas, without the need for you to search around.

As a client you can have comfort that irrespective of what problem you may encounter in whatever area of law, our teams in all our practice areas will be able to work in tandem to offer any other specialist solutions you might require – utilising the history we already know about you and / or your business.

"Often, we meet our clients for the first time at the most stressful period in their life. Together we work to solve their personal and / or business problem, leading to a lifetime relationship."

For us, it's about making the complicated understandable and serving as solutions people.



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Professional Negligence: An Overview



We are professionals. When you engage us you can have faith that the services we provide to you will be of a high standard and good value for money.

Unfortunately, not all "professionals" operate according to this principle.

In summary, any person who owes you a duty of care, who breaches that duty and causes you loss of a kind that is not found to be unforeseeable, can be liable to you for their negligence.

People who may be liable to you include:

- doctors and other medical professionals,
- legal practitioners,
- tradesmen of all kinds, builders, architects, surveyors,
- all government organisations, including schools, police officers, military personnel,
- stockbrokers, finance brokers, accountants, real estate agents and all professionals, and
- anybody else who should know that their negligent behaviour will affect you.

Professional negligence can broadly be divided into that which causes you injury and that which does not.

We will assist you where appropriate, and if no personal injury was caused, our Commercial Litigation Team is prepared to assist you.

We have seen it all before, from the simple so-called "trip and fall" cases, through to catastrophic injuries caused by medical treatment (or lack of medical treatment) and incorrect financial advice resulting in multimillion dollar losses.

Traditionally, class actions have been our specialty and we will always act fearlessly for you where there are allegations of negligence.

If allegations of negligence are made against you, you should also take advantage of our experience in this area. Do not delay, as we have seen situations which could have been resolved at an early stage snowball significantly due to a "head in the sand" attitude.

We may be able to save you stress, worry and money.

The plan we will develop for you:

1. Takes into account your individual circumstances –
we listen!

2. Draws on our experience –
we are the experts!

3. Helps you achieve the best possible outcome –
you win!

"Invest in the best. RMO"

Our Proven Experience

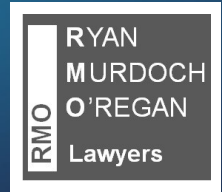


Cases we have successfully handled include:

- An accountant had so negligently dealt with tax affairs that he cost his client over \$3,000,000.
It was later found that the accountant had defrauded his clients and the government of over \$21,000,000 and murdered a solicitor who threatened to expose him (that person is presently in jail for murder).
- A Townsville-based financial services organisation advised its clients that a very high level of leverage (i.e. borrowing to invest) was desirable with their investments - until the global financial crisis occurred resulting in significant losses.
- A client was told to invest a large amount of money into a franchise business and promised good returns, when such returns were not possible to achieve and they lost all the money they invested.
- A law firm failed to advise its client, who had just bought a shopping centre, about the concept of "infrastructure charges" - and the client was later surprised to receive a bill from the local council for over \$100,000.
- Property developers who were given approval to build, but weren't told that the government was planning to build a railway through the land.
- Failure to treat a young child resulting in the parents being told the child was dead (when the child was not dead) and severe brain damage and associated injuries occurred.
- The lead singer of the band, due to commence a European tour, was told that nothing was wrong and to go home from hospital, but later died due to a preventable cause.
- Allegations of negligence against a well-known worldwide charity organisation relating to transfusion of a loathsome disease.
- Acting for several parties when military helicopters collided in the vicinity of Townsville during the mid-1990s.



What Our Clients Had To Say



"Asked the right questions and scenarios to understand my needs. The process worked well and any clarifications I needed along the way were addressed in a timely manner. CW"

"Thank you again for being so understanding and giving me your very beneficial advice. Although stressful, you did make a horrible situation, somewhat tolerable. Thank you again. MS"

"I cannot begin to tell you how happy this email has made us, further, there are not enough wonderful and adequate words to describe our appreciation of the Commercial Litigation Team! JM"

"Thank you so much for your assistance with this case. This outcome exceeds our expectations, and it provides a real deterrent to the other parties. BWL"

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"I was very happy with the way I was treated during my case. Ryan Murdoch O'Regan handled it in a very professional manner with good advice when needed. FB"

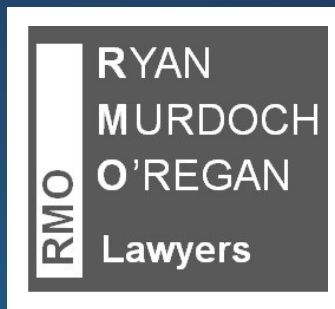
"Very professional and competent. Made me feel confident that they would be able to manage my legal issues well and that I was in good hands. Thank you. TP"

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"Thank you so much for everything you have done for S, myself and our partners. It has been a very stressful few months and you have been a breath of fresh air for all involved. We really appreciate what you are doing for us. With your wealth of knowledge and experience together with your passion and caring, you have made us feel very comfortable. KE"

"Extremely knowledgeable, patient and understanding in my dealings. I would recommend anyone who required your services. I found you to be professional throughout both my correspondence and in representation of myself to the courts. AE"





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This is general advice only.*

You should seek specific advice for your particular circumstances.