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Heather is a highly skilled restructuring and insolvency specialist who supports businesses of all sizes and structures across diverse industries, helping them navigate financial distress and overcome complex challenges. She regularly works with financiers, corporates and others, helping to turn disorder or distress into a workable outcome for all stakeholders.

Heather has strong experience with large voluntary administrations, as well as litigation matters, property and other receiverships, insurance and formal liquidations. She has also prepared a large number of independent business reviews, providing strategic advice to secured creditors and boards, most recently in the medical research, mining services and insurance industries.

Engagement Experience —

- Key contributor to the Receivership of Anagram International LLC, a party supply wholesaler who was caught up in its UK parent's collapse. A successful sale campaign has extracted the Australian business from the group, setting it up for growth under new ownership.
- Provided financial, strategic and safe harbour advice to an independent medical research institute, assisting the board and key management with their interactions with members, relevant government departments and key stakeholders, as they assessed the company's large structural deficit and options for future stability.
- Key part of the team advising the secured surety providers to the Clough Group, guiding them through the Voluntary Administration process. As part of this, Heather played a key role on the Receivership of a group holding entity, enabling the sale of its solvent subsidiary, a business operating in the mining services industry. This sale facilitated almost full repayment of the surety group's exposure.
- Part of the team that advised Scyne Advisory on its purchase of the Government Advisory business out of PwC.
- Managed several Safe Harbour engagements for companies in the insurance, lending, labour hire, health and aged care industries.
- Prepared a contingency planning report for a company in the construction industry, while they sought to renegotiate some key contracts from "fixed price" to "cost plus", enabling them to successfully exit distress.
- Completed a seven-month secondment in Westpac's Specialised Business Services team, managing a number of the Bank's higher risk customers with a combined exposure of c. \$0.5 billion.

Qualifications & Memberships —

- Member, CA ANZ
- Bachelor of Business (major International Business), University of Newcastle
- Bachelor of Commerce (major Financial Accounting), University of Newcastle
- Graduate Diploma of Applied Finance, Kaplan Professional



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