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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

Heather is a highly skilled restructuring and insolvency specialist, having worked on a number of complex formal engagements and receiverships. She regularly works with financiers, corporates and other key stakeholders helping them deal with financial challenges.

Heather has also been involved in a number of independent business reviews, providing strategic advice to secured creditors for businesses in the construction, manufacturing and agribusiness sectors.

Recent engagements include the Voluntary Administration of RCR Tomlinson Limited, managing the investigation into the reasons for failure and the defence of the shareholder class action. Also, assisting the secured lender of a company in the Oil & Gas industry, to maximise the value of its security in extremely challenging circumstances.

Engagement Experience

- Key contributor to the Voluntary Administration of RCR Tomlinson Limited, managing the investigation into the reasons for failure, preparing the Administrators' Report to Creditors and managing the defence of the shareholder class action.
- Financial advisor to the secured lender of a company in the Oil & Gas industry, providing advice both pre and post the company entering Voluntary Administration in order to assist the lender to maximise the value of its security.
- Managed the Voluntary Administration, now Deed of Company Arrangement of the Red Lea Chickens Group, investigating the reasons for failure, looking into potential claims available to a Liquidator and negotiating the Deed of Company Arrangement.
- Managed the Dick Smith Voluntary Administration, now Liquidation, investigating the reasons for failure, investigating and pursuing claims available to the Liquidators and defending two shareholder class actions on behalf of the Group.
- Overseeing the liquidation of HIH Insurance Limited and remaining subsidiaries, managing final distributions and the wind-down of all remaining entities.
- Managed the Voluntary Administration of Hughes Drilling Limited, a large contract drilling company, where the main trading entities were sold through a Deed of Company Arrangement, the listed shell was sold through a separate Deed of Company Arrangement and the remaining subsidiaries were placed into Liquidation.
- Independent business review of a small fabric wholesale business, focusing on working capital management and funding arrangements.



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- An independent business review of a cotton ginning company, analysing the cash flow position and forecast shipping schedule. Providing advice to the secured creditor as to the ability of the company to service their debt facilities.
- Independent business reviews of two education providers, both largely reliant on government funded contracts. Providing advice to the secured creditors as to the feasibility of their forecasts and ability to service their debt facilities.
- Worked closely with legal advisors and legal counsel on litigation against the former owners of a heavy equipment hire company. Preparing information for the expert witnesses, affidavit preparation and general case management.