



Robert Samut, Partner, Elevista Interactive Learning

Robert is a founding member of Elevista and a Partner in Barry.Nilsson.'s Insurance & Health team. When not delivering workshops and courses for Elevista, he acts for insurers, self-insureds and underwriters in the areas of public/products liability, medical negligence, professional indemnity and commercial claims.

Robert has achieved outstanding outcomes in a number of highly publicised matters, which demonstrate the expertise and strategic approach to claims management adopted. International commentators and websites often pick up Robert's commentary on insurance issues, and he has recently collaborated to draft insurance contracts legislation for the PNG government.

Robert has been active within the Australian and New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance (ANZIIF), sitting on both National (CIP Committee) and State (Brand Executive) Committees.

Robert and Samantha Traves (a consultant to Barry.Nilsson. Lawyers and Senior Lecturer in Insurance and Commercial Law at QUT), previously ran the 'Insurance Law Program' (ILP) for ANZIIF. The ILP ran in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Experience

- Conducted specialised workshops and training programs for the Australian & New Zealand Institute of Insurance and Finance and the Barry.Nilsson. Professional Edge programme in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. In addition, Robert has run Insurance Law Programs in house for a number of international insurers.
- Advising self-insureds in relation to multi million dollar medical negligence claims arising from hospital treatment and operations
- Handling claims involving failure to properly diagnose serious medical conditions
- Acting for a Chicago-based umbrella insurer in HMAS Westralia litigation involving a large fire on a battleship and which resulted in property damage, personal injury and wrongful death and dependency claims
- Acting for a surveyor in a \$40million claim brought against it by a developer in relation to a coastal development in northern NSW
- Advising insurers on fraud issues

Qualifications & Memberships

Bachelor of Commerce

Bachelor of Laws

**Graduate Diploma of Insurance
(Deakin University)**

Member ANZIIF

**Member Australian Insurance Law
Association**

Member ARIMA

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