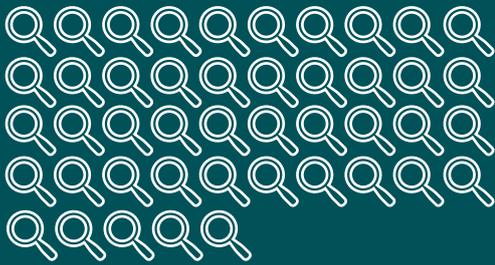


Forensic Accounting

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Nexia has outstanding practitioners with skills and experience in forensic assignments and business valuation. Again over the last 12 months, our practitioners delivered authoritative reports and advice to legal teams and their clients - supported, if called upon, by expert testimony. With a focus on family law and commercial litigation, we are solutions focused and adept at analysing and distilling complex valuation, financial and accounting issues.



Total engagements over last 12 months



Federal Court

Magistrates Court

Supreme Court

Federal Circuit Court

District Court

Family Court

Total times Nexia was involved with a court preceeding



Various types of engagements which occurred over last 12 months



Number of engagements per each of the various sectors

Our Last 12 Months

Numerous **valuations for commercial matters**, including a:

- leading Queensland event and commercial security systems business and a computer systems software business.
- corporate superannuation and risk insurance business and a digital solutions business for corporate restructurings.
- insurance broking business for the holder of a share put option and a mortgage broking franchise to assist the vendor and buyer set the transaction price.
- residential real estate business and rent roll for a prospective purchaser of the business.
- vitamin and supplement manufacturing and distribution business.
- large family-owned hotel group and a gymnasium business.
- national dewatering business for stamp duty purposes.
- construction business and a quantity surveying business.
- number of medical and legal practices and a recruitment business.
- registered training organisation for a management buy-out and a performing arts education business.

Multiple **valuations of complex performance and/or share options**, including for ASX listed companies, using the Monte Carlo, Cox Ross Rubenstein and Black Scholes options pricing models.

Numerous **valuations for family court matters**, including a:

- national commercial cleaning business and a national operator of recreational go-kart racing tracks.
- motor vehicle dealership (multiple sites) and an independent supermarket business (multiple sites).
- transport manufacturing business and a aviation business.
- number of manufacturing and wholesaling businesses, including in jewellery, plastic products and fertilisers.
- home appliances retailer and a dry goods supermarket distributor.
- commercial property group and a large real estate agency business.
- commercial office fitout business and a project building supplies business.
- civil construction business and a residential building business.
- cable hauling business and a transport and storage business.
- environmental and hazardous material consultancy.
- number of dental, physiotherapy and veterinary practices.

Detailed financial modelling for an education provider, a large retirement village provider, and for a large proposed property development under multiple alternative scenarios and a **detailed financial costings review** for a main (state) political party, including reporting on identified errors, inconsistencies and/or weaknesses.

Single expert reports for:

- multiple unfair preference claims, both for and against the liquidators, including in respect of a trucking / logistics company that was a service provider to a large wind farm project, a national solar panel manufacturing business and a cabinetmaking business.
- a dispute (Supreme Court) in respect of an intragroup debt connected with the ownership of a mining tenement and whether the debt was due and payable and a debt recovery dispute relating to the sale of a software business.
- a damages claim (County Court) in respect of the unlawful repudiation of a civil construction subcontract. The work involved financial modelling of the cost to complete the subcontract, including employment costs due to EBAs and employment Awards, and expert testimony in court.
- a state Crown Solicitor's Office in respect of a claim for statutory compensation from a commercial fisherman from the imposition of marine sanctuary zones. The work involved an assessment of the legislation, the fishery, and the claimant's loss claim and calculations, financial records, and key performance indicators.
- various professional indemnity disputes, including in respect of an accounting practice failing to detect fraud at a client and negligent financial planning advice that resulted in significant losses and a claim to the Financial Ombudsman Service for losses suffered as a result of negligent share portfolio investment advice.
- a partnership dispute in respect of the ownership of a pastoral property. The work involved a reconstruction of the partnership financials and partner capital and loan accounts, the accounting for the purchase and sale of the property and the partner buy-ins.
- a dispute (Family Court) as to the valuation of an air-conditioning business prepared by another expert.

A joint expert report for a dispute (Supreme Court) between the Responsible Entity of an agricultural Managed Investment Scheme and the land-owning company on which the scheme is located. The work involved in-depth analyses of complex commercial transactions involving multiple parties and their accounting records over an extended period.

The **liquidation** of a timber wholesaler who had sold faulty product under (unexpired) warranties. The work involved warranty claim assessment and administration and communicating with prospective claimants to give them an opportunity to submit a claim prior to the completion of the liquidation.

For more information or assistance with any matter you may be facing, please contact a member of our Forensic Accounting team. www.nexia.com.au

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