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James Emmett is an experienced advocate practising in commercial litigation, professional negligence, insurance, and administrative law matters. He also acts in maritime and aviation disputes. He is ranked as by the Doyles Guide to the legal profession as a recommended counsel for commercial litigation and insolvency matters, and as a leading counsel for maritime law matters.

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