



# Henry Kazar

Principal

## CONTACT

**T** +61 2 9189 1723

**M** 0412 130 105

**E** [henry.kazar@cathropartners.com.au](mailto:henry.kazar@cathropartners.com.au)

## Qualifications, Professional Affiliations

- Registered Company Liquidator
- Registered Trustee in Bankruptcy
- Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (FCA)
- Bachelor of Economics (ANU)
- Member of the Australian Restructuring and Turnaround Association (ARITA)

## Overview

Henry is a seasoned Chartered Accountant with over four decades of experience, including 30 years as a Partner. His expertise lies in corporate and personal restructuring, and he provides advisory services to a diverse range of stakeholders in both the public and private sectors.

Throughout his career, Henry has held key positions in international firms such as Ernst & Young and Kroll, as well as nationally recognized entities like SimsPartners, Ferrier Hodgson, and Kazar Slaven. His extensive client portfolio includes State and Territory Governments, the Federal Government, major Banks, financiers, legal professionals, and various other professional service providers.

Henry's remarkable contributions extend to his involvement with the Australian Taxation Office's High Wealth Individual Task Force. His vast experience has facilitated his firms' successful entry onto the panels of several Statutory Authorities, including the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations, and the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council.

His clientele often requires specialized expertise in financial investigations, special purpose administrations, and regulatory compliance. In addition, Henry brings a wealth of experience in business reviews, financial viability assessments, profitability analysis, business liquidity, and forecasting strength.

## Key Industry Experience

- Government
- Legal Services
- Aged Care
- Healthcare/Pharmacy
- Financial Services
- Real Estate/Real Estate Agents
- Regulation and Compliance
- Indigenous Affairs
- Education

## Areas of Specialisation/Expertise

Henry excels in a wide spectrum of financial advisory roles, overseeing small, medium, and complex financial reviews, investigating accountant engagements, and independent manager appointments. His wealth of experience include:

- Conducting comprehensive financial reviews and investigations.
- Assessing business performance and analysing financial viability.
- Providing financial assessment services, encompassing financial accounting, analysis, reporting, and risk assessment.
- Offering guidance on intricate corporate insolvency investigations, enforcement, and recovery proceedings.
- Serving as an independent expert advisor on corporations and entities grappling with financial distress, corporate fraud, and director malfeasance.
- Furnishing expert counsel in matters related to regulatory investigations and litigation.
- Conducting investigations and preparing reports on behalf of government agencies and private clients for use in legal proceedings.
- Conducting Public Examinations in both corporate and personal insolvency administrations.
- Voluntary and court ordered mediations.

## Key Project Highlights

As a seasoned insolvency practitioner, Henry has efficiently managed a diverse portfolio of over 200 active matters, involving a mix of solvent and insolvent liquidations, bankruptcies, receiverships, and financial disputes. His approach blends active project management expertise with an unwavering focus on achieving outcomes within a highly regulated and legal framework.

### Liquidations Initiated by the ATO and Bankruptcy Services:

- Henry boasts a track record of over 20 years of accepting appointments as a Liquidator for companies facing winding-up orders from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). These appointments entailed comprehensive investigations into the conduct of company officers, statutory reporting to ASIC, recovery of voidable transactions, public examinations, trading of businesses, and involvement in applications for termination of winding-up orders.
- In addition, Henry features on the panel maintained by the Australian Financial Security Authority (AFSA) for the distribution of bankrupt estates. His appointments under this purview necessitate detailed investigations into the conduct of bankrupts and related parties, including their business interests, the examination and recovery of voidable transactions, statutory reporting to AFSA, and the annulment of bankruptcies.
- Henry's experience extends to handling Personal Insolvency Agreements under Part X and Proposals under section 73 of the Bankruptcy Act, with specific examples of both corporate and personal cases available upon request.

### Specific Matters Assisting Government:

- Henry's profound expertise shone as he led advisory efforts for the ATO in settling a tax debt exceeding \$100 million by conducting a comprehensive analysis of the assets and liabilities of a taxpayer group comprising over 50 entities and individuals. This resulted in a successful resolution of a dispute that had persisted for over five years.
- Serving as the Liquidator of the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Service, Henry played a pivotal role in streamlining and enhancing legal aid services to indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Henry actively supported various Federal Government departments in ensuring the continuity of distressed businesses and essential services.
- Henry's tenure as Administrator of a Residential Aged Care provider involved successfully transitioning the facility's operations to a new provider, safeguarding the well-being of over 70 residents and maintaining employment for more than 100 staff.
- He also played a significant role in the winding-up of numerous individual state-based Lifeline Entities, streamlining administration, and improving service provision, including staff management.
- As part of winding up the administration body overseeing Medicare Locals across Australia, Henry collaborated with the Commonwealth Department of Health on asset realizations and discharging liabilities.
- His role as Grant Administrator for the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service facilitated the continuity of services while conducting investigations into financial management issues that concerned both Victorian and Federal Governments.
- Henry's service as an examiner and special purpose administrator, appointed by statutory authorities like the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, ensured the continuity of service during transitions to new board elections.