

#### **Principal Areas of Practice**

- Administrative Law
- Bankruptcy Law
- Commercial Law
- Class Actions / Representative Proceedings
- Consumer Protection Law
- Contract Disputes
- Corporate Fraud and Civil Penalty Proceedings
- Corporations and Securities Law
- Disciplinary Proceedings
- Equity and Trusts Law
- Freedom of Information and Privacy Law
- Health and Medical Law
- Intellectual Property
- Insolvency Law
- Professional Negligence
- Regulatory Matters (Compliance and Investigation)

#### **Educational Qualifications**

**Australian Institute of Business**, Master of Business Administration, 2019-2022

**University of Melbourne**, Bachelor of Laws (LLB): 2004-2008

- Graduated with First Class (H1) Honours in 2008
- Ranked fourth overall in graduating class of 2008
- Received the top mark and the Frank Galbally Memorial Prize in Advanced Criminal Law in semester 1, 2008
- Received the top mark in Refugee Law in semester 2, 2008

**University of Melbourne**, Bachelor of Science: 2004-2008

- Majored in Genetics

#### **Legal Experience & Awards**

- Winner, "Barrister of the Year", Lawyers' Weekly "2018 Australian Law Awards"
- Winner, "Barrister of the Year", Lawyers' Weekly "Women in Law Awards"
- Tutorial teaching staff, Monash University Law School (contracts and equity), 2017 to 2018
- Signed Bar Roll on 24 October 2013 (read with Andrew Hanak)
- Reporter, Federal Court Reports, Thomson Reuters, April 2014 to 2019
- Reporter, Federal Law Reports, Thomson Reuters, October 2013 to 2019
- Federal Court of Australia, Associate to the Honourable Justice John Middleton: July 2012 to August 2013
- Federal Court of Australia, Interim Associate to the Honourable Justice Michelle Gordon: May to June 2011
- Arnold Bloch Leibler, Paralegal, Law Graduate and then Solicitor: 2008 to June 2012

## Key Matters

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Katherine accepts briefs in all areas of commercial and corporate law. She also accepts (and encourages!) direct briefs from in-house counsel (and is always happy to discuss the in-house counsel direct briefing process with anyone who might be interested).

More generally, wherever possible, Katherine prefers to receive electronic briefs, as she finds that these are more cost effective, convenient and efficient than paper briefs. She is always very happy to discuss the most effective way in which instructors may provide briefing materials to Counsel, in order to expedite the briefing process for all concerned.

In terms of her educational achievements, Katherine has a Bachelor of Laws degree with First Class Honours and a Bachelor of Science degree with a Genetics major, both from the University of Melbourne (from which she graduated in 2008). She is presently studying a Master of Business Administration in her "spare time", with an expected completion date of mid 2022.

Before coming to the Bar, Katherine was an Associate at the Federal Court of Australia, first to the Honourable Justice Michelle Gordon in 2011, and then to the Honourable Justice John Middleton in 2012 and 2013. Prior to that Katherine was a solicitor at Arnold Bloch Leibler, in the firm's Litigation department.

Since coming to the Bar, Katherine has been briefed to act for a range of regulators, government departments, companies and individuals. She appears both led and unled in all Victorian and federal tribunals and courts.

She has worked on a range of complex matters, involving banking and finance, bankruptcy, insolvency, taxation, intellectual property, health, civil penalties, class actions, professional negligence and corporations law (including a number of matters involving liquidators' examinations under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)).

She has also worked on numerous regulatory and disciplinary matters (both advice and appearance work), involving entities such as the Medical Board of Australia, the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, the Australian Tax Office and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

She also has considerable Royal Commission experience, having been briefed in the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements and the Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence. Katherine also appeared in the COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Inquiry in 2020.

Katherine has previously been a reporter for the Thomson Reuters Federal Law Reports and Federal Court Reports, and a member of the teaching staff at Monash University Law School (where she taught a mixture of undergraduate, postgraduate (JD) and Masters classes).

Katherine is presently the Chairperson of the Firearms Appeals Committee, a statutory body (independent of government) established under the *Firearms Act 1996* (Vic) to determine applications for review of certain decisions of the Chief Commissioner of Police made under that Act.

In October 2017, Katherine won the award for "Barrister of the Year" at the Lawyers' Weekly Women in Law Awards. In August 2018, Katherine won the award for "Barrister of the Year" at the Lawyers' Weekly Australian Law Awards. She is frequently listed in Doyle's Guide and similar publications.

Katherine read with Andrew Hanak QC of the Victorian Bar.