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Admitted to the legal profession
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Also entitled to practise in
Australian jurisdictions (Commonwealth,
State and Territory)

Catherine has a broad commercial and public law practice.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Catherine was a Solicitor at Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer where she worked on commercial litigation, class actions, judicial reviews and discrimination cases.

Catherine was Research Assistant to the Chief Justice of Queensland, the Hon. Catherine Holmes AC SC, and Associate to the Hon. Justice Peter Flanagan KC, Judge of Appeal. She served as a Manager of the Cambridge Pro Bono Project while she read for a Master of Laws at the University of Cambridge and she has held casual academic positions in constitutional law and administrative law.

She graduated third in her Bachelor of Laws degree with five subject prizes and the Outstanding Achievement Prize for Overall Excellence. Her published research on public law and human rights has been recognised by several awards.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Aug 2024 – July 2026:** Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer, Associate, Solicitor
- **Feb 2023 – Jun 2024:** MinterEllison, Law Graduate
- **2022:** Associate to Justice Flanagan, Queensland Court of Appeal
- **2021:** Research Assistant to the Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Queensland

BOARD MEMBERSHIP / VOLUNTEERING

2023 - 2024: Doughty Street Chambers x Cambridge Pro Bono Project, *Manager*

2021 - 2022: Queensland Council of Civil Liberties, *Board Member*

2018 – 2021: Queensland Debating Union, *Vice President*

PUBLICATIONS

- Twenty Years of Preventative Detention in Queensland: Human Rights, The Constitution and Practical Realities (2024) 1 *Queensland Law Journal* 42
- A Preliminary Review of the UK Infanticide Act 1938, *Doughty Street Chambers*
- Recommendations to alleviate gendered, racial and socio-economic inequalities in the administration of the bail system (2023) 97 (4) *Australian Law Journal* 249 (received the Australian Academy of Law Prize)
- Influences on Rights in Australia's Constitution Compared to America (2020) *Constitutional Education Fund of Australia* (received the Governor General's Prize)
- The Engineers Case, Upholding the Australian Constitution (Conference proceedings published as a book in 2019, received the Ian Callinan Prize for Constitutional Law)

SELECTED CASES AS A SOLICITOR

- **Giggle for Girls Pty Ltd v Tickle** [2026] FCAFC 64 - Full Court Appeal on trans and sex discrimination – statutory interpretation and the concept of ‘woman’, ‘sex’ and ‘gender’ – the interaction of the special measures provisions and gender identity provisions – constitutional validity of the *Sex Discrimination Amendment (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Intersex Status) Act 2013* – Intervention application as a non-party intervenor for Equality Australia. Dr Ruth Higgins SC, Chris Tran, Ghassan Kasssieh.
- **Zonia v Commonwealth Bank of Australia** [2025] FCAFC 63 - Shareholder Disclosure Class Action, Full Court Appeal – Acting for the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in relation to alleged breaches of the continuous disclosure regime and misleading or deceptive conduct. Noel Hutley SC, Elizabeth Collins SC, Imtiaz Ahmed SC, Tim Kane, Stephanie Crosbie
- **KXO24 v BHP Group Limited** - Discrimination Class Action – vicarious liability for sexual harassment and liability in tort in relation to alleged historical conduct – positive duty to prevent sexual harassment per 47C of the *Sex Discrimination Act 1984* (Cth). Sera Mirzabegian SC, Tim Kane, Dr Laura Hilly.
- **Energy Resources of Australia Ltd v Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia & Ors** - Judicial Review in the Federal Court of Australia – Statutory interpretation of the *Northern Territory (Self Government) Act 1978* (Cth) – Constitutionally implied immunity of the Commonwealth per *Commonwealth v Cigamatic* – Fettering the exercise of the discretion of the decision-maker. Richard Lancaster SC, David Hume SC, Madeleine Ellicott.
- **The Access Bank UK Limited v Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance Co. Ltd** - Three insurance proceedings in the NSW Supreme Court Commercial List – Acting for the plaintiff to claim under a trade credit insurance policy – duty of disclosure pursuant to s 21 of the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth). Jonathon Redwood SC, Amelia Smith, Damian Morris.

- **Marshall Baillieu v Independent Planning Commission & ACEN Australia Pty Ltd** - Merits Review
– Acting for the respondent wind farm in Class I proceedings in the NSW Land and Environment Court – review concerning the social, environmental, economic impacts of the renewable energy development. Adrian Galasso SC, Janet McKelvey, Harrison Grace.

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Administrative Law	Class Actions	Insurance and reinsurance
Admiralty and Maritime Law	Communications	International Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution	Competition and Consumer	Professional Liability
Appellate	Conflicts of Law	Restraint of Trade
Aviation and Transportation Law	Contracts	Shareholder class actions
Banking and Financial Services	Cybersecurity	Sports Law
Business and Human Rights	Environment and Planning	

COMMON LAW

Alternative Dispute Resolution	Defamation	Professional Liability
Appellate	Insurance and Reinsurance	Sports Law
Class Actions	Medical negligence	

PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Alternative Dispute Resolution	Health Law	Native Title
Appellate	Judicial review and Admin Law	Proceeds of Crime
Constitutional Law	Merits Review	Public Law
Disciplinary Proceedings		

EQUITY

Alternative Dispute Resolution	Property	Wills and Estates
Appellate	Trusts	

INDUSTRIAL / EMPLOYMENT LAW

Civil and Human Rights	Discrimination and Equality	Government Inquiries
Class Actions	Diversity and Inclusion	Health Law
Disciplinary Proceedings	Employment Law	Investigations

Privacy

Restraint of Trade

Sexual Harassment

Work Health and Safety Prosecutions

CRIMINAL

White Collar and Corporate Crime
