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## Admitted to the legal profession

2015

## Admitted as a barrister in NSW

2020

## Also entitled to practise in

Australian jurisdictions (Commonwealth,  
State and Territory)

Kathleen accepts briefs to advise and appear in all areas of law, and is most extensively experienced in commercial litigation, public and administrative law, and international commercial arbitration.

Prior to coming to the bar, Kathleen worked as a solicitor at Clayton Utz where she was involved in contractual, property, regulatory, and company disputes, and proceedings relating to restructuring and insolvency, wills and estates, environmental law, customs and tariffs, and administrative law.

During her time as a solicitor, Kathleen regularly appeared as a solicitor advocate in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia, Supreme Court of New South Wales, District Court of New South Wales, and the Local Court of New South Wales, both at first instance and on appeal.

Kathleen was also previously the Tipstaff to Justice Gleeson of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, the Judicial Associate to Chief Justice Allsop of the Federal Court of Australia, and the Arbitral Tribunal Secretary to Professor Doug Jones AO.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- **2014:** Tipstaff to Justice Fabian Gleeson, NSW Court of Appeal
- **2015-2017:** Judicial Associate to Chief Justice James Allsop, Federal Court of Australia
- **2017:** Arbitral Tribunal Secretary to Professor Doug Jones AO
- **2017-2020:** Senior Lawyer at Clayton Utz

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- New South Wales Bar Association
- New South Wales Francis Forbes Society

## PUBLICATIONS

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- **“The United States and the Australian Constitution: Influence of US Constitutional model on development and interpretation of the Australian Constitution”** (2015) 89 ALJ 309
- **“Sources du droit (Sources and Methods of Law)”** in Droit de l’Australie (2016)

## SELECTED CASES

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- **FQL17 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection** [2020] FCA 121 (and related proceedings: [2019] FCCA 2087) - appeared unled as solicitor-advocate for the respondent in first instance and subsequent appeals concerning a challenge to the validity and effect of a legislative instrument.
- **ELA18 v Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs & Anor** [2020] HCASL 18 (and related proceedings: [2020] FCA 782; [2019] FCA 1482; [2019] FCCA 213) - appeared unled as solicitor-advocate for the respondent in first instance and subsequent appeals seeking judicial review, and in interlocutory proceedings for suppression/non-publication orders.
- **ENU18 v Minister for Home Affairs** [2019] FCA 1391 (and related proceedings: [2019] FCCA 254) - appeared unled as solicitor-advocate for the respondent in first instance and subsequent appeal seeking judicial review. Successfully opposed application to raise new grounds on appeal.
- **Mukonoweshuro v Occupational Therapy Board of Australia** [2020] NSWCATOD 11 (and related proceedings: [2020] NSWCATOD 49) - acted as instructing solicitor for the respondent in a merits review of a decision of the National Board. Successfully obtained confirmation of decision.
- **Sentinel Citilink Pty Ltd v PS Citilink Pty Ltd** [2018] QSC 239 - acted as instructing solicitor for the defendant. Successfully obtained orders for specific performance of an \$81 million real property transaction and defended a claim of breach of contract.
- **Aurora Funds Management Limited v Bond Street Custodians Limited & Ors** [2019] NSWSC 304 - acted as instructing solicitor for the fourth defendant. Successfully obtained summary dismissal of the plaintiff’s case and obtained indemnity cost orders for client.

## PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

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### COMMERCIAL LAW

Administrative Law	Building, Construction and Technology	Product liability
Admiralty and Maritime	Competition and Consumer	Trade Practices
Alternative dispute resolution	Conflict of Laws	Real Property
Appellate	Contracts	
Arbitration	International law	

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### COMMON LAW

Alternative dispute resolution	Appellate	Personal injury
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### CRIMINAL

Appellate	White collar and corporate crime	
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### EQUITY

Alternative Dispute Resolution	Property	Wills and Estates
Appellate	Trusts	

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### PUBLIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Alternative Dispute Resolution	Judicial review and administrative law	Proceeds of Crime
Appellate	Merits review	Public Law