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Admitted to the legal profession

2017

Admitted as a barrister in NSW

2021

Also entitled to practise in

All Australian jurisdictions (Commonwealth,
State and Territory)

Winnie practises widely in commercial and public law.

In commercial law, she has appeared in courts and tribunals in a range of matters including class actions, regulatory proceedings, proceeds of crime matters and other complex commercial disputes. Winnie's public law practice includes judicial review and commissions of inquiry, acting for both government and non-government parties. She is also experienced in appellate matters and has appeared in a number of matters interstate.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Winnie was a solicitor in the dispute resolution team at Herbert Smith Freehills. From 2018 to 2019, Winnie was Tipstaff and Associate to the Hon Justice Leeming of the New South Wales Court of Appeal.

Winnie graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts (Hons 1) in Ancient History and Media and Communications, and Juris Doctor. She has lectured in Contracts, Criminal Law and Equity at the University of Sydney.

Winnie is the recipient of the 2021 Katrina Dawson Award which encourages women to practise at the NSW Bar.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Feb 2017 to April 2021: Solicitor, Herbert Smith Freehills.

Aug 2018 to Dec 2019: Tipstaff and Associate to the Hon Justice Leeming, New South Wales Court of Appeal.

2018 to 2022: Sessional lecturer in Contracts, Criminal Law and Equity, University of Sydney.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2022-present: New South Wales Bar Association, Diversity and Equality Committee

2023-present: New South Wales Bar Association, New Barristers Committee

2022-2023: New South Wales Bar Association, Bar News Committee

2022-present: Women Barristers Forum

AWARDS OR PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

2021: Katrina Dawson Award

2016: Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot, National Rounds, Top Ten Oralist

2015: Zoe Hall Memorial Scholarship

2014 to 2016: Dean's List of Academic Excellence (Law)

2014: LexisNexis Book prize for Most Proficient in Juris Doctor in Year 1

2014: EM Mitchell Prize for Contracts

SELECTED CASES

State of New South Wales v Skinner [2022] NSWCA 9

Led by D F Jackson KC, appearing in the New South Wales Court of Appeal for the respondent. Case concerned whether the Police Force breached its duty of care to the respondent causing her to suffer major depressive disorder and/or PTSD. The appeal was dismissed. The respondent succeeded in part on her cross-appeal on a question of contributory negligence.

Ming v Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW) (2022) 109 NSWLR 604; [2022] NSWCA 209

Led by J Roy. Appearing in the New South Wales Court of Appeal for the respondent. The applicant sought judicial review of a District Court decision alleging error by reason of inadequacy of reasons, constructive failure to exercise jurisdiction and lack of procedural fairness. The applicant also contended that these errors amounted to jurisdictional error.

Beckett v Tax Practitioners Board [2022] FCA 930; [2023] FCAFC 100

Led by L T Livingston SC, appearing in the Federal Court and the appeal to the Full Court of the Federal Court for the respondent. Case concerned whether a decision of the AAT affirming a decision of the Tax Practitioners Board to terminate the appellant's tax agent registration was in error.

Appearing in public hearing rounds 23 and 32 of the Disability Royal Commission representing Afford

Appearing in public hearing round 30 of the Disability Royal Commission as Counsel Assisting

PRINCIPAL AREAS OF PRACTICE

COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate	Class Actions	Corporations and Securities
Banking and Financial Services	Competition and Consumer	Product Liability
Building, Construction and Technology	Contracts	Shareholder Class Action

EQUITY

Appellate	Trusts
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COMMON LAW

Appellate	Medical Negligence	Product Liability
Class Actions		

CRIMINAL

Appellate	Proceeds of Crime	White Collar and Corporate Crime
Fraud		

SECTORS

Banks & financial institutions