
Admissions and qualifications

Barrister: 2019

Solicitor: 2002 (admitted to practice in NSW, England and Wales).

LLM, University of Cambridge, 2004

Britain Australia Bicentennial Trust Cambridge Scholarship

LLB (Hons I), University of Sydney, 2002

Caroline Munroe Gibbs Prize for First Place in Tort Law (1997)

Pitt Cobett Scholarship for Excellence in Law (1996, 1998, 2001)

University of Sydney International Bursary (2000)

Walter Reid Memorial Grant for Excellence in Arts and Law (1997, 1998, 2000)

Experience

Katherine has over 15 years' experience in commercial disputes, regulatory investigations and international arbitration. Her diverse experience encompasses a variety of sectors, including acting for foreign governments, investment and retail banks, private equity firms, pharmaceutical companies and entities in the energy and mining sectors.

2018 - 2019, Lawyer, Allen & Overy, Sydney

Selected experience includes:

- Representing private equity firm in a mezzanine finance dispute;
- Representing energy company in multi-billion dollar arbitration relating to the construction of LNG facilities;
- Representing mining company in a shareholder derivative action;
- Conducting anti-bribery investigation for client in the pharmaceutical industry;

2007 – 2018, Associate, International Litigation and Arbitration, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, London

Experience managing high-value and complex cross-border litigation, investigations and arbitrations (including under the ICSID, UNCITRAL, ICC and LCIA rules). Notable experience includes:

- Representing the Government of the Republic of South Sudan in defence of an ICSID claim (in excess of US\$1 billion) filed by the national oil company of the Republic of Sudan concerning the ownership of significant oil field interests after South Sudan's secession.
- Acting for the Government of the Republic of South Sudan regarding shipments of crude oil misappropriated by the Republic of Sudan.
- Representing AAR in its dispute with BP over the oil major's attempt to form a US\$16 billion alliance with Rosneft, the state-owned Russian oil company, to explore for oil in the Arctic circle.

- Acting for an international investment bank in connection with a series of disputes arising from structured financial products involving proceedings in London and New York.
- Advising international banks on UN and EU sanctions and Forex investigations.
- Conducting anti-bribery and regulatory investigations for clients in the financial, energy, pharmaceutical and defence sectors.

2004 – 2007, **Teaching Fellow & Pro Bono Co-ordinator, Queen Mary College, University of London**

Lecturer, International Law (Human Rights); Tutor, Contract Law and Criminal Law; Visiting Lecturer, University of Lille, France (Contract Law)

2002 – 2003 - Solicitor / Graduate at Law, Litigation and Corporate, Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills), Sydney

Publications

“Report on the Legal Rights of Women and Girl Asylum Seekers in the European Union”, *UN Women*, 2017, (co author/editor).

“The Basics of ICSID Arbitral Proceedings”, *Corporate Disputes*, Jul-Sep 2013, (with M Acuner).