

# DOUGLAS McDONALD-NORMAN

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### ADMISSIONS

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<b>Barrister</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Solicitor</b>	<b>2015</b>

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Technology Sydney</b> Casual Academic (Administrative Law, Foundations of Law, Ethics Law and Justice, Constitutional Law)	<b>Mar 2017 – June 2018</b>
<b>Australian Catholic University</b> Casual Academic (Contract Law)	<b>Feb 2018 – May 2018</b>
<b>The Hon Dyson Heydon AC QC, 8 Selborne Chambers</b> Research Assistant	<b>Dec 2016 – Dec 2017</b>
<b>The Hon Justice Darke, Supreme Court of New South Wales</b> Tipstaff	<b>Jan 2016 – Dec 2016</b>
<b>Craddock Murray Neumann Lawyers</b> Migration Agent Solicitor Researcher/Consultant	<b>Mar 2010 – Dec 2015</b> May 2015 – December 2015 March 2015 – December 2015 March 2010 – March 2015

### OVERVIEW

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I predominantly practice in commercial law, migration and refugee law, administrative law, property law and the law of equity and trusts. Since coming to the Bar in September 2018, I have appeared unled in final hearings of the Federal Circuit Court, Federal Court and Administrative Appeals Tribunal. I have appeared with a leader in proceedings in the New South Wales Supreme Court, Full Federal Court, Federal Court and Federal Circuit Court.

As a solicitor and migration agent, I predominantly practiced in immigration and administrative law. I appeared for clients before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Refugee Review Tribunal and the Refugee Status Review Tribunal (Nauru). I also served as instructing solicitor in proceedings in the Federal Circuit Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of Nauru. Prior to my admission as a solicitor, I worked for five years as a researcher and submission-writer in refugee law.

I am an experienced legal writer and researcher. I have published numerous peer-reviewed articles and have presented papers at international conferences. My areas of research include international refugee law, comparative constitutional law and judicial biography.

### AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Administrative law (merits and judicial review)	Corporations law
Bankruptcy and insolvency	Equity and trusts
Commercial law	Immigration and refugee law
Competition and consumer protection law	Professional negligence and misconduct
Contract law	Property law

## EDUCATION

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2008 - 2014 University of Technology Sydney	<b>Bachelor of Laws (Hons I and University Medal)</b> <b>Bachelor of Arts in Communications (Social Inquiry)</b>
2011 - 2012 National Law School of India University	<b>Bachelor of Laws</b> <b>Bachelor of Arts</b> (exchange student)

### Subject Prizes and Awards

2015	University Medal (Bachelor of Laws)
2014	Commendation, UTS Creative Media Social Justice Award
2013	Thomson Reuters Award for Civil Litigation
2013	Inner West Law Society Award for Ethics & Professional Conduct
2011	Prime Minister's Australia Asia Award
2009	NSW Bar Association Award for Administrative Law
2009	NSW Bar Association Award for Equity and Trusts
2008	Thomson Reuters Award for Contracts
2008	NSW Bar Association Award for Australian Constitutional Law

### Extracurricular Activities

2012 - 2014	Councillor, UTS University Council
2013	Secretary, UTS Students' Association
2010 - 2011	Undergraduate Representative, UTS Law Faculty Board
2010	U:PASS Leader, Real Property Law
2009 - 2011	President, UTS Red Cross Society

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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- 'Young's "Fact finding made easy" in Refugee Law: A Former Practitioner's Perspective' (2018) 92(5) *Australian Law Journal* 349-359.
- 'No One To Bear Witness: Country Information and LGBTQ Asylum Seekers' (2017) 33(2) *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees* 88-100.
- 'Escaping the Lions: Religious Conversion and Refugee Law' (2016) 22(1) *Australian Journal of Human Rights* 135-158.
- 'Worlds Apart: The Appointment of Former Politicians as Judges' (2016) 41(1) *Alternative Law Journal* 17-22.
- '*Koushal v. Naz Foundation* and the Lessons of International Refugee Law' in Sarasu E. Thomas (ed), *Gender, Human Rights and Law*, vol 4 (Centre for Women and the Law, 2015, India) 161-183.
- 'Becoming Indian: William Broome and Colonial Continuity in Post-Independence India' (2015) 42(2) *Indian Historical Review* 303-331.
- 'Comparative Law and the Role of the Judiciary: An Australia-India Comparison' (with Arun K. Thiruvengadam) in Shaun Star (ed), *Australia and India: A Comparative Overview of the Law and Legal Practice* (Universal Law Publishing, 2015, India) 20-45.
- 'Freedom To Be: Assessing the Claims of LGBTQ Asylum Seekers' (2014) 10 *Socio-Legal Review* 35-52.
- 'Credibility Assessment in Refugee Status Determination' (2014) 26(2) *National Law School of India Review* 115-126.
- 'Simply Impossible: Plausibility Assessment in Refugee Status Determination' (2014) 39(4) *Alternative Law Journal* 241-245.