

# CLAIRE ROBERTS

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Admitted as a solicitor 2011 | Called to the bar 2019

## OVERVIEW

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Claire was called to the bar in 2019 after eight years of practice in Australia, London and New York. She was seconded to the Sydney offices of two major financial institutions as a solicitor, and served as associate to the Honourable Justice Jacobson of the Federal Court of Australia. Claire graduated as a James Kent Scholar from a Master of Laws at Columbia University in New York, and with Honours from a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Melbourne. Claire is admitted in Australia, England and Wales.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

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Administrative / public Corporations	Class actions Defamation / media	Commercial Equity
Industrial / employment	Intellectual property	Inquests / inquiries
Professional negligence	Regulatory	Trade practices / consumer

## ADMISSIONS AND EDUCATION

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2019	Admitted as an Australian barrister
2018	<b>Columbia University, New York, United States</b> <i>Master of Laws (James Kent Scholar – equivalent of First Class Honours)</i>
2017	Admitted in England and Wales, following completion of Qualified Lawyers Transfer Scheme
2011	Admitted as an Australian solicitor
2010	<b>University of Melbourne</b> <i>Bachelor of Laws (Honours) / Bachelor of Arts (Media and Communications)</i>

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2019 -	Barrister
2019	AMP Capital, Sydney - <i>Senior Legal Counsel, as Allens Senior Associate secondee</i>
2018	Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP, New York, United States - <i>Law Clerk</i>
2017	Knight First Amendment Institute, New York, United States - <i>Legal Intern</i>
2015 – 2017	Linklaters LLP, London, United Kingdom - <i>Associate, Dispute Resolution</i>
2014 – 2015	Federal Court of Australia - <i>Associate to the Honourable Justice Jacobson</i>
2011 – 2014	Ashurst, Melbourne and Sydney - <i>Graduate then Lawyer, Disputes; secondment to UBS AG during 2014</i>

## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

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Editorial Board	<i>Internet Law Bulletin</i> (LexisNexis)
Pro Bono Panel	Arts Law
Young Lawyers Committee	Communications and Media Law Association
General Member	Banking & Financial Services Law Association; Forbes Society for Australian Legal History; Intellectual Property Society of Australia & New Zealand

## SELECTED MATTERS

<b>High Court of Australia</b>		
<i>Andrews v ANZ</i> (2012) 247 CLR 205	<b>Class action</b> – acted for bank in relation to separate question regarding doctrine of equitable penalty	<i>As a solicitor - Ashurst</i>
<i>Jackson v R</i> S19/2020	<b>Appellate</b> – application for special leave regarding the use of tendency evidence	Led by I E Davidson SC, R J Webb
<b>Federal Court of Australia</b>		
<i>Apotex Pty Ltd v AstraZeneca AB (No 4)</i> [2013] FCA 162	<b>Intellectual property</b> – acted for pharmaceutical company in preparing for patent dispute hearing	<i>As a solicitor - Ashurst</i>
<i>Paciocco v ANZ</i> (2014) 309 ALR 249	<b>Class action</b> – acted for bank in preparing for first instance hearing regarding ‘exception fees’	<i>As a solicitor - Ashurst</i>
<b>Court of Appeal, Court of Criminal Appeal and Supreme Court of NSW</b>		
<i>Jackson v R</i> [2020] NSWCCA 5	<b>Appellate</b> – acted for appellant on grounds regarding use of tendency evidence	Led by I E Davidson SC
<i>Metal Storm (liq)</i> [2019] NSWSC 1667; [2019] NSWSC 1682	<b>Equity – Corporations List</b> – acted for cross-claimant in dispute, settled part-way through trial	Led by I M Jackman SC, D Klineberg
<i>Choras v Farmakidis</i> 2019/137225	<b>Equity</b> – acting for defendant in opposing extension of time at separate question hearing	Led by I E Davidson SC
<i>Boydell Industries v Gateway</i> 2020/00072828	<b>Commercial</b> – acting for plaintiff in contractual dispute arising from property agreement	Led by G Farland
<b>District and Local Courts of NSW</b>		
<i>Gough v Squillaciotti</i> 2019/329565	<b>Defamation</b> – acting for defendant in relation to emails sent between members of a strata committee	Led by M Richardson
<i>Grenke v Nicvic Pty Ltd</i> 2019/00163501	<b>Consumer law</b> – acted for child-care centre in dispute regarding lease of telecommunications equipment	Unled
<b>Tribunal and Inquests</b>		
<i>Latham v Monkeys Resort</i> GEN19/38707	<b>Consumer law</b> – NCAT - acted for travel company in dispute about allegedly misleading advertising	Unled
<i>XNT v Secretary to the DoJ</i> [2013] VCAT 606	<b>Administrative law</b> – VCAT – acted for indigenous man re refusal of working with children check	<i>As a solicitor - Ashurst</i>
Inquest into death of K Stanley, Coroner’s Court of Vic 2012	<b>Inquest</b> – acted for V/Line at inquest regarding rail crossing death of car driver	<i>As a solicitor - Ashurst</i>
<b>England and United States</b>		
Mobile Telephone Voicemail Interception Litigation	<b>Media litigation</b> – acted for News International in defending civil claims regarding ‘phone hacking’	<i>As a solicitor - Linklaters</i>
Financial Conduct Authority investigation re FX manipulation	<b>Regulatory investigation</b> – advised bank in relation to ongoing inquiries and investigation	<i>As a solicitor - Linklaters</i>
<i>Knight First Amendment v Trump</i> (2018) 302 F Supp 3d 541	<b>Media litigation</b> – acted for plaintiffs in preparing for first instance hearing (subsequently upheld on appeal)	<i>As Knight intern</i>

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

‘New York media law update’ (2020) 23 *Media & Arts Law Review* 369

‘Hyperlink hypervigilance: a lesson on what not to do if notice may be challenged’ (2020) 22(7) *Internet Law Bulletin* 101

‘Royals and the right to privacy’ (2019) 38(4) *Communications Law Bulletin* 21

‘Trouble in Paradise Papers: privilege may not found a cause of action’ [2019] (Summer) *Bar News* 26