

I am pleased to welcome our new readers. They reflect the diversity of backgrounds and breadth of legal knowledge of Foley's List.

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John Kelly, Chief Clerk/CEO Foley's List

## SERENA ARMSTRONG LLB (Hons), BCA (Hons)

Serena has experience in commercial and administrative law, with an emphasis on planning, environment and heritage, including Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Before coming to the Bar, Serena was an experienced practitioner, having commenced her career as a solicitor in 2005 at Blake Dawson (now Ashurst) in its Planning and Environment group in Sydney. She is familiar with the planning scheme amendment and permit application process, as well as heritage protection issues, having worked as a lawyer for the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Most recently, Serena was a Senior Associate at Best Hooper Lawyers in

their planning group, where she advised on a wide range of planning matters and appeared as a solicitor advocate.

In 2003 Serena was the tipstaff/associate to the Hon. Justice Peter Young AO of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Serena has a Bachelor of Laws (first class honours) and a Bachelor of Creative Arts (honours) from the University of Wollongong. Her studies included 12 months at the University of Massachusetts and Smith College in the United States.

She is reading with Emily Porter and her senior mentor is Nicholas Tweedie SC.



### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Environmental Law & Planning Law
- Public Law & Administrative Law
- Local Government
- Commercial Law

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# GLENN BARR LLB

Glenn accepts briefs in criminal law, occupational health and safety law and administrative law matters.

Before coming to the Bar, Glenn had more than 15 years' experience working for the Office of Public Prosecutions (OPP), Worksafe Victoria (secondment) and Crown Counsel Advising/Department of Justice and Regulation (DJR).

Glenn has extensive experience in all aspects of indictable criminal law, including litigation, policy and advice. He previously managed all criminal appeals in Victoria and has appeared (led) in the Court of Appeal in conviction and sentence appeals, as well as interlocutory appeals.

He has a particular interest in the laws of evidence, having co-authored articles in the Law Institute Journal and delivered an extensive training program on evidence and procedure.

In addition to his criminal law experience, Glenn's Occupational Health & Safety experience includes providing advice and conducting contested matters in the Magistrates' and County Court. His public law experience at DJR is complimented with his involvement in the leading cases on the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities* 2006, including *Momcilovic* in the High Court.

He is reading with Andrew Palmer and his senior mentor is Paul Holdenson QC.



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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

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- Public Law & Administrative Law
- Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S)
- Appellate (Criminal)
- Government
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions

# NONNI SDRAULIG LLB, BA

Nonni accepts briefs in all areas of family law and related jurisdictions, including intervention order and Children's Court matters.

Before coming to the Bar, Nonni worked extensively in the family law jurisdiction as a solicitor, both in private practice and as a volunteer. Nonni has appeared for clients in complex parenting and property matters in both the Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

Immediately prior to coming to the Bar, Nonni worked as a Deputy Associate to his Honour Judge Wilson and her Honour Judge Whelan at the Federal Circuit Court

of Australia. As a result, Nonni has an in-depth knowledge and understanding of court process, procedure, rules and etiquette.

Nonni holds a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts from Monash University and was the recipient of two Faculty of Law academic prizes, including the 2011 Louise Crockett Memorial Prize for Introduction to Family Law.

Nonni is reading with Mark Wilson. Her senior mentor is Andrew Strum QC.

Nonni is a member of the Family Law Bar Association and the Women's Barristers' Association.



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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Family Law
- Children's Court (Family Division)
- Intervention Orders

# JAMES STOLLER BA, LLB (Hons)

James accepts briefs in public, commercial and common law.

Before coming to the Bar, James spent almost 10 years as a solicitor. Most recently, he was a Principal Solicitor at the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office, specialising in administrative and regulatory law. At the VGSO, he acted for government departments, regulators and other statutory agencies in judicial review, merits review and professional disciplinary proceedings. He also advised government entities on statutory interpretation and statutory decision making.

Before joining the VGSO, James was a Senior Solicitor in the Civil Law section at the North Australian Aboriginal Justice

Agency in Darwin. In that role, he specialised in administrative and common law litigation, with a particular focus on intentional torts.

Prior to that, James spent almost three years working in commercial litigation at Logie-Smith Lanyon Lawyers, working on a broad range of commercial disputes.

James also worked as a Senior Solicitor in the Proceeds of Crime directorate of the Office of Public Prosecutions, acting for the DPP in proceedings under the *Confiscation Act 1997*.

James is reading with Christopher Archibald.



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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Commercial Law
- Public and Administrative Law
- Judicial Review
- Merits Review
- Disciplinary Proceedings
- Intentional Torts
- Proceeds of Crime

# KATE BALLARD BA, LLB

Kate accepts briefs to appear and advise in criminal and quasi-criminal matters.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Kate was employed as a solicitor advocate for over five years at Doogue & George Defence Lawyers (previously Doogue O'Brien & George).

As part of her practice at the firm, Kate appeared regularly in both contested and non-contested matters in the Magistrates' Court, Children's Court and County Court. Specifically, she appeared in bail applications, pleas of guilty and sentence appeals in the County Court, contested hearings and contested committals. In addition to her appearance work, Kate managed a large and complex criminal file load with a mix of private and legal aid work including sex offences, homicides, drugs cases, violence and terrorism.

During her time as a solicitor, Kate also gained considerable experience in quasi-criminal matters including coronial inquiries and coercive hearings at the Office of the Chief Examiner. She also instructed at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and appeared as counsel at the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

In 2016 Kate travelled to the United States and completed a jury trial training program run by the National Criminal Defense College.

Kate is reading with Barnaby Johnston and her senior mentor is Dermot Dann QC.



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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions

# SIMONE TATAS BA, LLB (Hons), LLM (Human Rights)

Simone accepts briefs to appear and advise for both defence and prosecution in criminal, quasi-criminal and administrative law matters.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Simone practised as a Senior Lawyer at the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) appearing in private examinations as counsel assisting, in the Magistrates' Court as prosecuting counsel and in coercive powers applications before the Supreme Court of Victoria and the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

Simone began her legal career as a federal prosecutor at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP). Simone appeared regularly in contested hearings, committals, bail applications and pleas in the Magistrates' Court

and County Court of Victoria, and as a case officer on a lengthy and complex Project Wickenby tax fraud matter in the Supreme Court of Western Australia.

Simone also practised as a lawyer at the Legal Profession Complaints Committee of Western Australia investigating lawyer misconduct matters. Having practised in both Victoria and Western Australia, Simone has an extensive understanding of criminal procedure in both jurisdictions.

Simone was Associate to Justice Weinberg in the Court of Appeal.

Simone holds a Master of Laws (Human Rights) and a Bachelor of Laws (Hons)/ Arts from Monash University.

Simone is reading with Jason Gullaci. Her senior mentor is Lesley Taylor QC.



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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Appellate
- Criminal Law
- Government
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions
- Public Law & Administrative Law
- Tax Law & Revenue Law

# WILLIAM BARKER LLB

William accepts briefs in all criminal and quasi-criminal matters in metropolitan and regional courts. He also welcomes briefs in disciplinary tribunals and employment law.

Before coming to the Bar, William worked for almost six years as a solicitor advocate in criminal defence law. He appeared in a range of matters in all Victorian Courts including plea hearings, contested committals, contested hearings and bail applications. As part of his practice, he also prepared and instructed in complex trials in the County and Supreme Courts. This included sex offences, homicides, drugs cases, violence and deception matters.

William has also worked on quasi-criminal matters including Australian Securities and Investments Commission prosecutions. Outside of crime, he has a particular interest in employment law, including unfair dismissal and Occupational Health & Safety.

He has been a mentor for the Law Institute of Victoria in their Young Lawyers Mentor Program since 2014.

William is reading with Sarah Keating and his senior mentor is George Georgiou SC.



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- Criminal Law
- Criminal Appeals
- Disciplinary Tribunals
- Children's Court
- Employment Law
- Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S)

# ALEX METHERELL BA, LLB (Hons)

Alex is an advocate with experience in family law and related jurisdictions. She accepts briefs to appear at both local and interstate registries, to undertake regional and circuit work, mediations and paperwork.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Alex was an Associate at Tisher Liner FC Law and practiced exclusively in family law. Alex has experience in complex parenting matters, including the Magellan List, relocations, and grandparent's applications; and complex property matters including spousal maintenance, equitable interests, child support and injunctions.

Alex is also experienced in family violence matters, including Intervention Orders and contraventions of Intervention Orders.

Alex appears regularly in the Federal Circuit Court, Family Court and Magistrates' Courts.

In 2015, Alex was commissioned as a Legal Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force Specialist Reserve. Alex is engaged to provide advice on administrative and disciplinary matters to Command and Members of the Australian Defence Force.

Alex was a founding member of the Triple P Family Law Group for solicitors, promoting a practical, progressive and purposeful approach to family law.

Alex is reading with John Williams and her senior mentor is Andrew Kirkham RFD QC.



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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Family Law
- Children's Court
- Military Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Mediation

# AMANDA CARRUTHERS BA, LLB

Amanda accepts briefs to appear and advise in all areas of commercial law and dispute resolution.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Amanda practiced as a solicitor for over 12 years in the areas of commercial litigation and insolvency law, regularly appeared in the Supreme, Federal and Federal Circuit Courts, and conducted several interstate proceedings ranging from contested hearings to public examinations.

Amanda is particularly skilled in areas involving personal or corporate insolvency and is regularly engaged by insolvency practitioners and creditors in a broad spectrum of forms of insolvency restructure and turnaround, and complex areas of dispute.

In addition to enjoying a variety of commercial disputes, Amanda also is particularly interested in providing technical and strategic advice in related areas, including PPSA and other priority disputes, corporate/charitable trustee matters, corporate governance and shareholder issues, voidable transactions and directors' duties.

Amanda also enjoys publishing regular journal articles relating to developing areas of law and practice, including in the Monash University Law Review. She has for many years been an active member of ARITA, WIRV, and the Law Council of Australia's Insolvency Reconstruction Committee.

Amanda is reading with Carl Möller, and her senior mentor is Garry Bigmore QC.



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