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### Overview

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Kate has a broad practice and accepts briefs in a wide range of public and private law matters. She specialises in administrative and public law, inquests and inquiries, human rights and discrimination, professional negligence (including clinical/medical negligence), class actions, disciplinary and regulatory proceedings and all aspects of health law including mental health and guardianship. Kate appears as counsel assisting and on behalf of interested persons in inquests, inquiries and independent reviews. Kate gained extensive experience with the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability and previously appeared as counsel assisting and for interested persons in a number of public inquiries in the UK, including the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse.

Kate has over a decade's experience at the Bar in London, where she has been recognised as a leading junior.

Kate is a member of the Human Rights Committee of the NSW Bar Association and has been appointed to the NSW Department of Communities and Justice Legal Services Panel.

Kate graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours) and Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours and University Medal).

### Professional admissions

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Barrister, New South Wales	2021
Barrister, England and Wales	2007
Solicitor, England and Wales	2006
Solicitor, New South Wales	2004

### Appointments and memberships

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Human Rights Committee, NSW Bar Association	
NSW Department of Communities and Justice Legal Services Panel	
Equality and Human Rights Commission Panel of Counsel, England and Wales	2015-2023

### Selected cases – Inquests and inquiries

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- Counsel assisting the *Inquest into the death of Siosina Meyer*, Coroner's Court of NSW
- Counsel assisting other ongoing inquest matters before the Coroner's Court of NSW
- Counsel assisting independent review into NSW government agency
- Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, *Public hearing 32: Service providers revisited*
- Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, *Public hearing 23: Preventing and responding to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation in disability services (a case study)*

- Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, *Public hearing 18: The human rights of people with disability and making the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities a reality in Australian law, policies and practices*

### **Selected cases – Administrative and public law**

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- Class 4 proceedings in the NSW Land and Environment Court
- *R (A) v Haringey London Borough Council* [2016] EWHC 3054 (Admin) – duty to accommodate children in need
- *R (Keep Wythenshawe Special) v NHS Central Manchester CCG and 11 others* [2016] EWHC 17 (Admin) – consultation on reconfiguration of health services
- *R (Whitston) v Secretary of State for Justice* [2014] EWHC 3044 (Admin) – statutory duty of review
- *R (Patel) v General Medical Council* [2013] 1 WLR 2801 – legitimate expectation

### **Selected cases – Negligence, including professional and clinical/medical negligence**

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- *Aaron Ilya Kloczko and 69 others trading as Maddocks Lawyers v About Life Pty Limited*, Court of Appeal CA No. 2021/334059 (on appeal from [2021] NSWSC 1370)
- *Kendrovski v Ardent Leisure Ltd (t/as D'Albora Marinas)* [2022] NSWSC 1114
- *Alrifai v Australian Capital Territory* [2022] ACTSC 48 (appeal pending)
- *JF v Australian Capital Territory*, Supreme Court of the ACT, SC 423 of 2022
- *ZA v Australian Capital Territory*, Supreme Court of the ACT, SC 66 of 2022
- *BB v Australian Capital Territory*, Magistrates Court of the ACT, CS 9 of 2022

### **Selected cases – Human rights and discrimination law**

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- *R (A (A child by her litigation friend B) and B) v Secretary of State for Health* [2017] 1 WLR 2492 – access to NHS abortion services – acting for intervener the British Humanist Association
- *Winspear v City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust* [2016] 2 WLR 1089 – rights re ‘do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation’ order for adult lacking capacity
- *R (Tracey) v (1) Cambridge University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (2) Secretary of State for Health* [2015] QB 543 – rights re ‘do not attempt cardiopulmonary resuscitation’ orders

### **Selected publications**

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- *The Inquest Casebook* (Hart Publishing, 2016) – author and co-author of chapters on witnesses, conclusions, Article 2 inquests, medical inquests, Article 2 and local authorities
- Michael Powers QC and Anthony Barton (eds), *Clinical Negligence* (5th ed., Bloomsbury Professional, 2015) – co-author of chapter on clinical negligence and human rights
- *Halsbury's Laws of England*, Volume 88A, “Rights and Freedoms” (8<sup>th</sup> ed., 2013) – chapter on the right to life (Article 2 ECHR)
- *Human Rights Law and Practice* (3rd ed., 2009, Butterworths LexisNexis) – co-author of chapters on retroactive punishment, freedom of assembly, education, free elections

### **Selected directory listings**

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- ‘*Very easy to work with, personable and great with clients*’ (Chambers and Partners UK, 2021)
- ‘*A fantastically bright barrister*’ (Chambers and Partners UK, 2019)
- ‘*Demonstrated a forensic attention to detail*’ (Legal 500 UK, 2018)