## 12 WENTWORTH SELBORNE CHAMBERS

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### **ADMISSIONS**

2020 Barrister2011 Solicitor

# AREAS OF PRACTICE

Sarah accepts briefs in the following areas:

Appellate

CommercialCommon Law

Competition & Consumer Law

Criminal Law

Family, Care & Protection

• Inquests, Inquiries & Royal Commissions

Insurance

Medical Negligence

Planning & Environmental Law
 Public, Regulatory & Compliance Law
 White Collar & Corporate Crime

Work Health & Safety

### **ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS**

2017 University of NSW (including studies at the University of British Columbia, Canada)

Master of Forensic Mental Health 'with excellence'

2011 College of Law

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice

**2010** The University of Newcastle

Bachelor of Laws

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Bachelor of Arts (major in international affairs)

### PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Date June 2019 – August 2020 Employer Crown Solicitor's Office (NSW)

Position Solicitor Advocate

**Date** January 2016 – May 2019

Employer The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW)

Position Lawyer – Sydney Head Office, Lismore (including circuit experience) and the Drug Court

Date July 2015 – December 2015

Employer BLM Law (London)

Position Lawyer (Australian qualified) - Professional indemnity, D&O liability, media and

technology, neglect and abuse claims in relation to children

Date June 2015

Employer Allen & Overy (London)

Position Contract via agency Lawyer (Australian qualified) – Commercial litigation

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**Date** May 2015 – June 2015

Employer Simmons & Simmons (London)

Position Contract via agency Lawyer (Australian qualified) – Commercial litigation

**Date** November 2011 – November 2014

Employer Sparke Helmore Lawyers

Position Lawyer – Professional indemnity, medical negligence, D&O liability, commercial

insurance litigation including a secondment to Westpac and acting on behalf of the Anglican Church in relation to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to

Child Sexual Abuse

#### **OTHER**

Tribunal Member – Mental Health Review Tribunal (part-time)

- Panels: NSW Office of Director of Public Prosecutions, the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, ACT Government Solicitor, Legal Aid (summary and indictable), Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, Department of Communities and Justice – Legal Services Panel (segments 1 and 2) and the National Sports Tribunal Legal Assistance Panel. Engaged on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions - Northern Territory and the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
- Member of the NSW Bar Association Inquests & Inquiries Committee
- Member of the Cricket NSW Integrity Tribunal
- Recipient of the Law Society of NSW John Hennessy Legal Research Scholarship in 2018

#### **SELECTED CASES**

## Inquest and Inquiries

- Inquest into the death of Shane Mulville, unled on behalf of interested party police operation.
- Inquest into the death of Harjit Kaur, unled on behalf of interested party (ongoing) domestic violence homicide
  and death in custody of accused.
- Inquest into the death of Colin Amatto, unled on behalf of interested party (ongoing) dog attack.
- Inquiry into the convictions of Kathleen Megan Folbigg (2022), unled on behalf of the Commissioner of NSW Police.
- Inquest into the disappearance of missing person Zac Barnes, unled on behalf of interested party up to 2022 hearing dates.
- Inquest into the death of Luis Fernandez, unled on behalf of the Commissioner of NSW Police unled on behalf of interested party - public interest immunity matters.
- Inquest into the disappearance of missing person Morgan Rae, unled on behalf of interested party.
- Inquest into the death of Corporal Ian Turner, led by J Single, J Edwards and C Roberts on behalf of the Cth during 2021 hearing dates.

### Criminal

- R v Darren Greenfield and Michael Greenfield, led by G Wright SC on behalf of the Cth Crown (ongoing) corruption prosecution.
- R v Robert Samuel Geeves (2022/00128250); R v Anne Margaret Geeves (2022/00128454) in the Supreme Court
  of NSW at Wagga, unled on behalf of Commissioner of Police and Commissioner of NSW Crime Commission –
  murder trial protective orders and other sensitive matters
- R v Wolff unled on behalf of the Crown (ongoing). Fisheries prosecution.
- R v Clouten unled on behalf of the Crown (ongoing). Fisheries prosecution.
- Passmore v R [2023] NSWCCA 65, led by J Single SC on behalf of the Cth Crown. Appeal against conviction.
- Jomaa v R [2022] NSWCCA 112, led by S Callan SC on behalf of the Cth Crown. Appeal against conviction.

- Abouhaidar v R [2022] NSWCCA 57, led by J Single on behalf of the Cth Crown. Appeal against conviction and severity.
- R v Church, Supreme Court of NSW (2018/00319102) unled on behalf of the Commissioner of Police protective orders and other sensitive matters in murder trial.
- Environment Protection Authority v Cleanaway Equipment Services Pty Ltd [2022] NSWLEC 40, led by S Callan on behalf of the defendant.
- R v Choi (No 10) [2021] NSWSC 891, led by J Single on behalf of the Cth Crown. Disputed facts hearing and sentence hearing – providing sanctioned services to North Korean entities contrary to s 27(1) of the Charter of the United Nations Act 1945 (Cth) and the Autonomous Sanctions Act 2011 (Cth).
- Briefed by an individual in respect of Cth charges brought in the course of a cartel investigation, led by S Callan SC.
- R v Green Leaves (NSW) Early Learning Centres Pty Ltd, Port Macquarie Local Court 2020/00091244 –
  prosecution for an offence contrary to s 167(1) of the Children (Education and Care Services) National Law
  (NSW), unled on behalf of the prosecution.
- R v Nazlioglu, Supreme Court of New South Wales (2018/00066733), unled as solicitor advocate on behalf of the Commissioner of NSW Police and the Commissioner of the NSW Crime Commission. Protective orders and other sensitive matters – murder trial for the murder of Mick Hawi.
- Various criminal trials (unled). Further details can be provided upon request.
- Lengthy locum external counsel work at the Northern Territory Director of Public Prosecutions and North Australian
   Aboriginal Justice Agency. Further details which can be provided upon request.
- Various sensitive public Interest Immunity claims, protective orders, applications under the Crime Commission Act 2012, the Law Enforcement and National Security (Assumed Identities) Act 2010 and ss.15A(6) and (7) of the Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1986 unled as counsel and as solicitor advocate available upon request.

# **High Risk Offender and Forensic Patient**

- Attorney General for New South Wales v RL (bht Ramjan) [2024] NSWSC 1042 unled on behalf of the
  plaintiff (ongoing) Forensic patient.
- Attorney General for New South Wales v Perry (bht Johnson) (Preliminary) [2024] NSWSC 1002, unled on behalf of the plaintiff (ongoing) – Forensic patient.
- State of New South Wales v Potger (final) [2024] NSWSC 46, unled on behalf of the plaintiff High Risk offender.
- Attorney General for New South Wales v Aller (final) [2024] NSWSC 33, unled on behalf of the plaintiff –
  forensic patient.
- Attorney-General for NSW v Aller [2023] NSWSC 1409, unled on behalf of the plaintiff forensic patient,
- State New South Wales v De Vries (final) [2022] NSWSC 247, unled on behalf of the plaintiff High Risk offender
- State of New South Wales v Devries (Preliminary) [2021] NSWSC 949, unled on behalf of the plaintiff High Risk offender.
- Attorney-General for NSW v Bragg (final) [2021] NSWSC 1054, unled on behalf of the plaintiff Forensic Patient.

## Medical and professional negligence

- Ricki John Bourke v South East Regional Hospital (Bega Hospital) & Australian Capital Territory Sydney District Court (2023/00343596), unled on behalf of the ACT (ongoing).
- Tiffanie Cecilia Falez v Southern NSW Local Health District & Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court of ACT (341 of 2022), unled on behalf of the ACT (settled).
- Niraj Giri v Sujata Thapaliya, Sydney District Court (2022/00073163), unled on behalf of the defendant (settled).
- James Park v Tony Saad, Sydney District Court (2022/00070627), unled on behalf of the defendant (settled).
- NSW Legal Services Commissioner v Cullen [2021] NSWCATOD 130, unled on behalf of the Respondent professional discipline.

#### Administrative

- Patterson v National Disability Insurance Agency [2024] AATA 3053.
- Stores v National Disability Insurance Agency AAT (2021/5930), unled on behalf of the Respondent (ongoing).
- Hitchcock v National Disability Insurance Agency AAT (2023/1853), unled on behalf of the Respondent (ongoing).
- Forgan v National Disability Insurance Agency AAT (2023/8146), unled on behalf of the Respondent (settled).
- El Salim v National Disability Insurance Agency AAT (2020/8096), unled on behalf of the Applicant (settled).
- O'Dea v National Disability Insurance Agency AAT (2023/7209), unled on behalf of the Respondent (settled).
- Dinnen v National Disability Insurance Agency AAT (2023/6505), unled on behalf of the Respondent (settled).
- GRXT v National Disability Insurance Agency AAT (2022/7084), unled on behalf of the Applicant (settled).

#### **Care and Protection**

- Children's Court Care Proceedings, Lismore (2019/00242257) s 90 Application unled on behalf of the Secretary, Department of Communities and Justice (ongoing).
- Children's Court Care Proceedings, Coffs Harbour (2022/155944) s 61(2) Application unled on behalf of the Secretary, Department of Communities and Justice. Ground for application s 71(1)(c) and (e).

## Civil

- Haigh v Department of Planning NSW [2022] NSWSC 1434, led by V Thomas strike out application.
- Mattock v State of New South Wales (New South Wales Department of Education) (No 1) [2021] NSWSC 477,
   led by M Fordham SC personal injury, liability for the risk of harm in school sporting activities.
- Mattock v State of New South Wales (NSW Department of Education) (No 2) [2021] NSWSC 1045, led by M
   Fordham SC admissibility of expert report.
- Terry Bilal v Commonwealth of Australia, Sydney District Court (2020/349283), led by S Callan SC on behalf of the Cth intentional torts (settled)