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**Adria Marissa Poljak**  
**12 WENTWORTH SELBORNE CHAMBERS**

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**Admissions**

Admission as a barrister: 2012

Admission as a solicitor: 2009

**Qualifications**

Bachelor Medical Science (B.MedSc) majoring in Molecular Biology (genetics), University of Technology Sydney

Master of Law and Legal Practice (MLLP), University of Technology Sydney

- Specialist subjects completed for Masters:
  - Negotiation;
  - Law and Medicine;
  - Patent Law (Biotechnology);
  - Global Aspects of Intellectual Property;
  - Intellectual Property: Law and Policy (Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology);
  - International Trade Law (Pharmaceutical).

**Biography**

Adria was called to the Bar in 2012. Her practice consisted mainly of appellate, commercial, insurance and administrative law.

From May 2016 to October 2024, Adria was appointed as a full time Senior Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) in the General & Other Division (General, Security, Small Business and Tax, Taxation and Commercial), and Migration Division. In the period during her appointment, Adria was concerned with a wide range of review proceedings in the field of public law covering a vast array of jurisdictions, predominantly in tax and commercial, regulatory, civil aviation, workers compensation, customs, social security, national security, health and therapeutic goods, and migration (s501 visa cancelations). Adria was the national practice leader in Regulatory matters since May 2021.

Between May 2016 and October 2024, Adria was appointed as a nominated member to issue warrants and was also an approved examiner under the *Proceeds of Crime Act 2022* (Cth).

**Areas of Practice**

Administrative and public law, appellate, regulatory, tax (research and development tax offset), commercial, civil aviation, therapeutic goods/health law, intellectual property, customs, insurance, and national security law

**Previous Experience**

Before coming to the Bar, Adria worked as a hospital scientist in multi-disciplinary pathology laboratories

and later as an ethics officer for medical research (Human research ethics committee (**HREC**)). Once admitted to legal practice, she sat as a legal member of a HREC for a couple of years. The HREC is charged with reviewing the ethics of medical research and approving its conduct in a relevant health district.

### **SELECTED MATTERS:**

#### Selection of Significant Decisions at AAT:

*Wiseway Logistics Pty Ltd and Secretary, Department of Home Affairs* [2024] AATA 2250  
*Fragmentary Pty Ltd and Screen Australia (Taxation)* [2024] AATA 3316  
*Active Sports Management Pty Ltd and Industry Innovation and Science Australia* [2023] AATA 4078  
*Treidlia Biovet Pty Ltd and Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, Re* [2022] AATA 992  
*Electracom Pty Ltd and Comptroller-General of Customs* [2022] AATA 2539  
*Pioneer International Pty Ltd and Greenhouse and Energy Minimum Standards Regulator, Re* [2022] AATA 1587  
*Coal of Queensland Pty Ltd and Innovation and Science Australia (Taxation), Re* (2020) 168 ALD 561; [2020] AATA 126  
*Humane Society International (Australia) Inc V Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority* [2019] AATA 617  
*TFS Manufacturing Pty Ltd and Minister for Health* [2018] AATA 4456  
*People with Disability Australia Incorporated and Australian Human Rights Commission* [2018] AATA 1863  
*Rix's Creek Pty Ltd; Bloomfield Collieries Pty Ltd and Innovation Australia, Re* [2017] AATA 645

#### NSW Court of Appeal

*Roads and Maritime Services v Porret* [2014] NSWCA  
*Pham v NRMA Insurance Ltd* [2014] NSWCA 22  
*La La Land Byron Bay Pty Ltd v Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority* [2015] NSWCA 254  
*Botany Bay City Council v Minister for Local Government* [2016] NSWCA 74  
*Botany Bay City Council v Minister for Local Government (No.2)* [2016] NSWCA 127

#### NSW Supreme Court

*Allianz Insurance Ltd v Larriera* (2016) 76 MVR 249  
*Averkiou v CIC Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd* (2016) 74 MVR 540  
*Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd v Zein* (2016) 74 MVR 438  
*AAI Ltd (t/as GIO) v McGiffen* (2016) 77 MVR 348  
*Insurance Australia Ltd (t/as NRMA Insurance) v Asaner (No. 3)* [2016] NSWSC 1201  
*Insurance Australia Ltd (t/as NRMA Insurance) v Asaner (No. 2)* (2016) 77 MVR 233  
*Insurance Australia Ltd (t/as NRMA Insurance) v Asaner* [2016] NSWSC 614  
*Judd v Insurance Australia Ltd* (2016) 76 MVR 228  
*QBE Insurance (Australia) Ltd v Davies* (2016) 75 MVR 381  
*Allianz Aust Insurance Ltd v Habib & Ors* [2015] NSWSC 1719  
*Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd v Habib (No 2)* [2015] NSWSC 1870  
*NRMA Insurance Ltd v Buckley* (2016) 75 MVR 303  
*Botany Bay City Council v Minister for Local Government (No.2)* [2016] NSWLEC 73  
*Mackenzie v Allianz Australia Insurance Ltd (No 2)* [2015] NSWSC 1320

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*Pham v NRMA Insurance Limited* [2015] NSWSC 1205  
*Mauger v Wingecarribee Shire Council* [2015] NSWSC 1022  
*Mauger v Wingecarribee Shire Council (No 2)* [2015] NSWSC 1191  
*AAI Limited v Fitzpatrick* [2015] NSWSC 1108  
*AAI Limited v Fitzpatrick (No 2)* [2015] NSWSC 1272  
*Bradley v Insurance Australia Ltd t/as NRMA Insurance* (2015) 71 MVR 496  
*Peachey v Allianz Australia Insurance Limited* (2015) 71 MVR 477  
*Insurance Australia Limited t/a NRMA Limited v Michael (Woclaw) Kresan* [2015] NSWSC 422  
*Dunbar v Allianz Australia Insurance Limited* [2015] NSWSC 119  
*Allianz Australia Insurance Limited CAN 000 122 850 v Moo Ok Park* [2015] NSWSC 122  
*Farr v Insurance Australia Limited t/as NRMA Insurance Ltd* (2014) 68 MVR 445  
*De Gelder v Rodger (No 2)* [2014] NSWSC 1355  
*Insurance Australia Limited T/as NRMA Insurance v Parisi* [2014] NSWSC 1248  
*La La Land Byron Bay Pty Ltd v Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority* [2014] NSWSC 1798  
*Kahwach v Perri, Perri v Kahwach* [2014] NSWSC 198  
*Galea v Stromer* [2013] NSWSC 1720  
*Pham v NRMA Insurance Ltd* (2013) 63 MVR 326; [2013] NSWSC 468  
*Bis Industries Ltd v Toll Holdings Ltd and Anor* (2012) 228 IR 284; [2012] NSWSC 1427  
*AAMI Ltd v Ali* (2012) 62 MVR 12; [2012] NSWSC 969  
*Nelkovska v Motor Accidents Authority of New South Wales* [2012] NSWSC 819

Pharmacy Tribunal of New South Wales

*HCCC v Dhall* [2012] NSWPHT 2

NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)

*Hijazi v Commissioner of Police* [2014] NSWCATAD 148

*NSW Land and Housing Corporation v Lesniewski* [2015] NSWCATAP 185

**Memberships and Activities**

- Member Drummoine Occasional Childcare Centre Committee, 2023-2024; President 2024-current.
- Member Information and Technology Governance Committee, AAT, 2019-2020.
- Board member, Third Floor Wentworth Chambers, 2014-2015
- Legal Member, Sydney Adventist Hospital Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) appointed May 2011 to May 2014.
- Member Equal Opportunity Committee NSW Bar Association appointed 1 July 2013 to 1 July 2015.
- Member Health, Sport and Recreation Committee NSW Bar Association appointed 1 July 2013 to 1 July 2014.

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