

BRIDIE K. NOLAN

BARRISTER & ARBITRATOR



Admissions

Barrister: 2006

Solicitor: 2003

Qualifications

MIntS (Hons 1), University of Sydney

LLB, University of NSW

BA, University of Sydney

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Biography

Bridie is a well-respected senior member of junior counsel with diverse and successful practice. She is a member of the New South Wales, Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory and Western Australian Bar Associations. She appears frequently in all Australian courts and tribunals, at first instance and appellate level, frequently, unled.

Receiving her undergraduate education at the University of Sydney, with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Bridie majored in Government and English. As a post-graduate, Bridie completed by research, a Masters degree in International Studies, which she was awarded first class honours and graduated first in the year. Bridie also there researched on scholarship, her Doctorate of Philosophy in Economics (International Political Economy).

Bridie attained her Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales, and is now completing her Master of Laws, majoring in Maritime Law at the University of London, Queen Mary College.

When called to the Bar in early 2006, Bridie had already enjoyed success in an academic career in International Political Economy at the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales, where she taught World Politics, International Relations, Ethnicity & Nationalism, and Australian Politics. Bridie has a keen interest in the politics of currency and completed her theses on the primacy of the US Dollar and the actualisation of the Euro, writing from the perspective of Constructivism.

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Bridie began her legal journey as a barrister's research assistant and solicitor at Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills) practising in Litigation and Intellectual Property. She was subsequently a lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, lecturing in Litigation and Evidence and Administrative Law.

In 2004 – 2005, Bridie was the associate to the Honourable Justice James L. B. Allsop, then a Justice of the Federal Court, subsequently the President of the Court of Appeal of New South Wales, and now the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia.

Bridie is passionately dedicated to education and practitioner development. She has lectured in Advocacy, Planning Law and Administrative Law at the Australian College of Law and in Administrative Law, Litigation and Evidence and Legal Professional Responsibility at the University of Sydney. She is the unit co-ordinator for Administrative Law at the University of New England. She frequently presents at legal conferences on a variety of legal topics. She is an active participant in professional and university mentoring schemes and is a frequent judge assisting with university mooting competitions, including the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Competition.

Bridie is a Dispute Resolution Service Assessor appointed under the State Insurance Regulatory Authority, 1999 and 2017 Claims Assessment Schemes for CTP motor vehicle claims.

Arbitration

Bridie is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Fellow of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (ACICA). She holds a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. She is also a NSW Bar Association approved Arbitrator and has been selected as an Arbitrator by the District Court of New South Wales. She has chambers in Singapore.

Bridie appears as counsel in both domestic and international arbitration, international commercial arbitration and investment treaty arbitrations. She brings her experience in international politics and as a specialist in advocacy and legal advice to both institutional and ad hoc arbitrations.

Bridie specialises in the areas of commercial equity, property, maritime law, international trade and transportation, insurance and reinsurance, oil and gas, energy, commodities, international finance and banking. Bridie has also worked on all forms of commercial and international disputes, including joint ventures, conflict of laws and jurisdiction disputes.

Areas of Practice

Commercial law
Equity

Insurance
Professional negligence

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Trusts, including charitable trusts	Inquests and Commissions of Inquiry
Public and Administrative law	Corporations law
Common Law	Industrial law
Maritime law	Alternative Dispute Resolution (mediations and arbitrations)
Aviation law	Building and Construction
Banking and Finance	Communications and intellectual property law
Insolvency	

Recent Board and Committee memberships

Director and Board Member of Twelve on Three Pty Ltd 2008 – 2012

Director and Board Member of Twelfth Floor Pty Ltd 2017 – present

Member of the Transport Maritime and Aviation Committee, 2012 - 2014
New South Wales Bar Association

Member of the Marketing and Technology Committee, 12th Floor Wentworth Selborne Chambers

Member of the Australian Bar Association, New South Wales Bar Association, Western Australian Bar Association, ACT Bar Association, Northern Territory Bar Association, Women Barristers' Association

Recommended Barrister for Transport, by DoYLES Guide 2016 – present

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