Dr Sage Leslie Barrister



Practice summary

Before being called to the Bar in 2019, Sage was a solicitor in a prominent ACT legal firm which specialises in family law, wills and estate litigation, and was the Legal Associate to Deputy Chief Justice Faulks of the Family Court.

Sage focuses on all aspects of family law, including complex parenting disputes, property settlements, adoption, surrogacy, and care and protection matters. She also practises in succession law, including disputes concerning the construction of wills, capacity, probate and family provision.

Sage accepts family law briefs in all jurisdictions and regularly appears in matters throughout Australia. She is active in the ACT legal community, having served 3 terms on the Council for the ACT Law Society, and as President of the Canberra Region Family Law Professionals Association for 5 years. She has taught various course in the JD and GDLP program at the Australian National University.

From 2020 to 2023 Sage was recognised in Doyle's Guide as a "Leading" family law barrister for the ACT. In 2024-2025 she was recognised as being "Pre-eminent" in the ACT. She is also recognised by Doyles as a Mediator and Estates Litigation barrister.

Sage has a passion for Art Deco design, classic ghost stories and detective fiction, and published in these areas in her previous life as an academic.



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Admissions and qualifications

Called to the Bar	2019
Admitted as a legal practitioner	2015
Juris Doctor, Australian National University	2015
PhD Literary Studies, Griffith University	2007
B.A. in Literary Studies and Behavioural Science (Hons), Griffith University	2002

Practice areas

Family Law Guardianship

Care and Protection Wills, Estates and Family Provision

Adoption Legal Disciplinary Proceedings

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