

# Dr Sage Leslie

## Barrister



### PERSONAL DETAILS

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**Citizenship:** Australian

### EDUCATION

**Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice**  
*Australian National University*  
completed 2015

Admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor in the Australian Capital Territory in 2015.

**Juris Doctor**  
*Australian National University*  
completed 2015

**Masters – Creative and Professional Writing**  
*University of Canberra*  
completed 2010

**Doctor of Philosophy (Literature)**  
*Griffith University*  
awarded 2008

**Bachelor of Arts - First Class Honours (Literature / Human Behavioural Science)**  
*Griffith University*  
completed 2002

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## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

### **Member of the Council of the Law Society of the ACT**

August 2017 to August 2020.

### **Canberra Region Family Law Professionals Association**

Secretary 2016/2017

President 2017/2018

President 2018/2019

Immediate Past President 2019/2020

President 2020/2021

President 2021/2022

### **Member ACT Bar Women Barristers Committee**

2019 to present

### **Member ACT Bar Family Law Committee**

2019 to present

### **ACT Bar Representative – Legal Aid Grants Review Panel**

2022 to present

### **ACT Bar Bullying and Anti-Discrimination Policy Complaints Investigator**

2021 to present

## AWARDS

2021/2022 Doyles Guide – Leading Family Law Barrister

2020/2021 Doyles Guide – Leading Family Law Barrister

2020 Finalist – Female Barrister of the Year – Women In Law Award

2020 – Awarded ACT Women's Barrister Scholarship

2019/2020 Doyles Guide – Recommended Family Law Barrister

2015 Australian National University Masters Excellence Award

2013 Farrar Gesini and Dunn Prize for Family Law

2013 Dean's Juris Doctor Prize

2012 Daphne Olive Memorial Prize in Legal Theory

2012 Dean's Juris Doctor Prize

2012 Law Students Association National Essay Prize (2<sup>nd</sup> place)  
2011 Clayton Utz Prize for Torts  
2011 Law Society of the Australian Capital Territory Prize for Contracts  
2011 Dean's Juris Doctor Prize  
2010 University of Canberra Academic Excellence Award  
2002 Griffith University Arts Medal  
1999-2002 Griffith Annual Academic Excellence Award

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Called to the Bar - August 2019 Blackburn Chambers**

**Ongoing teaching in ANU College of Law and for Leo Cussens GDLP programme**  
- Various subjects

### **Dobinson Davey Clifford Simpson Lawyers (DDCS)**

*Associate* - February 2018 to August 2019  
*Lawyer* - February 2016 to February 2018

*Duties:* family law solicitor (advice to private clients, drafting settlement and Court documents, advocacy at Court and alternative dispute resolution); business development activities.

### **Family Court of Australia**

*Legal Associate to Deputy Chief Justice Faulks*  
January 2015 to February 2016

Duties: file and case-load management, correspondence, legal research, in-court duties, assist with drafting judgments and orders, presentations and committee submissions.

## **The Australian National University**

*Deputy Registrar Student Experience*  
August 2014 - January 2015

Duties: Participation in executive committees and working parties; oversight of academic skills, careers, orientation and transition teams; strategic planning; statistical and data analysis; policy development; critical incident reporting.

*Manager, Academic Skills and Learning Centre*  
December 2013 to January 2015

Duties: Staff recruitment, staff and budget management, operational and strategic planning, policy development. Participation in executive committees and working parties. Presenting workshops on discipline related writing and research skills, individual tutorials with undergraduate and research students on writing and research methodologies.

*Senior Learning Adviser 2012 - 2013*  
*Learning Adviser 2008 - 2011*

Duties: presenting workshops on discipline related writing and research skills, individual tutorials with undergraduate and research students on writing and research methodologies.

## **Griffith University**

*Sessional Academic: School of Humanities*  
2003 to 2008

Courses:

*Great Books I*

*Great Books II*

*Romanticism and Modern Culture*

*Reason, Writing and Imagination*

Duties: writing and delivering lectures and tutorials, drafting assessment items, marking assessment, providing feedback to students.

Employment details prior to 2003 available upon request.

## **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

Leslie-McCarthy, S. (2012) E-Consumer Protection and Confidence: Current Australian Law Governing Online Consumer Contracts and Some Ways Forward. *ALSA Journal* 17-38.

Leslie-McCarthy, S. (2012) "I See Dead People": Ghost Seeing Children as Mediums and Mediators of Communication in Contemporary Horror Cinema. In Debbie Olsen and Andrew Scahill (Eds) *Lost and Othered Children in Contemporary Cinema*, Plymouth, UK: Lexington, 1-19.

Tutty, J and Leslie-McCarthy, S (2012) ANU Campus Quest: A Mobile App for Transition *Proceedings of the 2012 ASCILITE Conference in Wellington, NZ*.

Leslie-McCarthy, S and Tutty, J (2011) Strategies for Developing Effective AALL Websites *Journal of Academic Language and Learning* Vol 5, No 2.

Leslie-McCarthy, S. (2009). Chance Encounters: The Detective as 'Expert' in Arthur Machen's *The Great God Pan*. *Australasian Journal of Victorian Studies*. 13(1), 35-45.

Leslie-McCarthy, S. (2008). Spectral Traffic. In Sue Thomas (Ed.). *Victorian Traffic: Identity, Exchange, Performance* (pp.273-283). Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Leslie-McCarthy, S. (2007). Asimov's Futuristic Pharisees: Examining the Posthuman in Isaac Asimov's Robot Novels. *Law, Culture and the Humanities*. 3(3), 398-415.

Leslie-McCarthy, S. (2007). *The X-Files*: Continuing the Psychic Detective Legacy. In Sharon Yang (Ed.). *The X-Files and Literature: unweaving the story, unraveling the lie to find the truth* (pp.130-151). Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Leslie-McCarthy, S. (2005). Re-vitalising the Little People: Arthur Machen's Tales of the Remnant Races. *Australasian Victorian Studies Journal*. 11. 65-78.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Senior Fellow - Higher Education Academy

Member - Canberra Region Family Law Professionals Association (CRFLPA)

Member – Women Lawyers Association of the ACT  
Member - Family Law Section Law Council of Australia

Member – ACT Bar Association.