

## Rebecca McEwen



Rebecca's primary practice areas are public law, general commercial law, competition and consumer law, and environmental law

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### QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Laws (University of Adelaide)  
Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) (Oxford)  
Master of Laws (University of Sydney)  
Bachelor of Arts (Classical Studies) (University of Adelaide)

### CORRESPONDENCE

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### COMMERCIAL LAW

Appellate | Competition | Consumer Law | Contractual Disputes | Equity & Trusts | Sports Law

### EMPLOYMENT & INDUSTRIAL

Appellate | Confidential Information | Discrimination | Employment Contracts

### TORT LAW

Appellate | Common Law | Major Torts | Negligence | Personal Injury | Product Liability | Professional Negligence

### PUBLIC LAW

Administrative Law | Appellate | Civil & Human Rights | Commissions & Inquiries | Discrimination | Environment | Freedom of Information | Judicial Review | Planning & Local Government | Public International Law | White Collar Crime

She has appeared led in the High Court, Supreme Court, the Land and Environment Court, the Court of Appeal, the Court of Criminal Appeal and the Family Court, and unled in the Local Court, the District Court, and the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Rebecca's background combines strong academic qualifications and a diverse experience of Australia's courts, which includes time as an Associate in the High Court (to the Hon. Justice Bell), and the Federal Court of Australia (to the Hon. Justice Farrell) as well as a Tipstaff in the Supreme Court of NSW and Court of Appeal (to the Hon. Justices Beazley and Sackar).

She completed a Bachelor of Civil Law (Distinction) at Oxford, a Master of Laws at the University of Sydney, and a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Adelaide.

## Recent Cases

*ASIC v Allianz Australia Insurance Limited* [2021] FCA 1062 (appearing for AWP Australia Pty Ltd in civil penalty proceedings under the ASIC Act and the Corporations Act, led by R Higgins SC and S Callan SC)

*KEPCO Bylong Australia Pty Ltd v Bylong Valley Protection Alliance* [2021] NSWCA 216 (appearing for the Bylong Valley Protection Alliance in respect of an appeal from Class 4 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court concerning a decision of the Independent Planning Commission, led by S Free SC)

*Alexakis v Health Care Complaints Commission* [2021] NSWCA 217 (appearing for the HCCC on an application for leave to appeal, led by J Emmett SC)

*Ku-ring-gai Council v Buyozo Pty Ltd* [2021] NSWCA 177 (appearing for the respondent in an appeal from Class 1 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court, led by I Hemmings SC)

*Choi v Commissioner of Police* [2021] NSWCA 113 (appearing for the Commissioner in respect of issues arising from an application pursuant to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW), NSW Court of Appeal, unled)

*Environment Protection Authority (NSW) v Abbas* [2021] NSWLEC 57 (sentencing for offences under the *Protection of the Environment (Operations) Act 1997* (NSW), led by P English)

*Freeman v Sydney Local Health District* [2021] NSWSC 423 (jurisdictional question under the *Health Services Act 1997* (NSW), led by A Britt)

*E v M* (property and trusts issues arising under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cth), Full Court of the Family Court, judgment reserved, led by D Roche)

*Eakin v R* [2020] NSWCCA 294 (sentence appeal, led by S Callan SC)

*Plaintiff A and B v Bird; Plaintiff C v Bird; Plaintiff D v Bird* [2020] NSWSC 1379 (proceedings concerning intentional torts, negligence and vicarious liability, led by A Horvath)

*Roy v O'Neill* [2020] HCA 45 (led by JT Gleeson SC and T Moses)

*Kostov v Commissioner of Police (No 2)* [2020] NSWSC 679 (appearing for the Commissioner on issues concerning s 78B of the *Judiciary Act 1903* (Cth))

*Industrial Relations Secretary v Public Service Association* [2021] NSWSC 160 (Supreme Court of NSW, judicial review, led by T Wong SC)

*State of New South Wales v Vincent (Preliminary) (No 2)* [2020] NSWSC 590 (application under the *Crimes (High Risk Offenders) Act* 2006 (NSW), led by J Emmett SC)

*KEPCO Bylong Australia Pty Ltd v Independent Planning Commission* [2020] NSWLEC (Class 4 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court, led by S Free SC)

*Universal Property Group Pty Ltd v Blacktown City Council* [2020] NSWCA 106 (appeal pursuant to s 57 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979 (NSW), led by I Hemmings SC)

*IPM Holdings Pty Ltd v City of Sydney Council* [2020] NSWLEC 1593 (Class 1 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court, led by K Richardson SC)

*Pittking Properties Pty Ltd v Waverley Council* [2020] NSWLEC 21 (Class 4 proceedings in the Land and Environment Court, led by I Hemmings SC)

*Apokis v Transport for New South Wales* [2020] NSWCA 39 (appeal pursuant to s 57 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979 (NSW), led by N Eastman)

#### ADVICE WORK

Advice concerning the application and operation of the *Crimes (High Risk Offenders Act)* 2006 (NSW) and the *Terrorism (High Risk Offenders) Act* 2017 (NSW).

Advice concerning applications for judicial review and appeals concerning questions arising from the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* 1979 (NSW).

Advice to shareholders concerning entitlements under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth).

Advice to companies regarding the operation of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) and the *Australian Consumer Law*.

Advice concerning the operation of the *Royal Commissions Act 1923* (NSW) and associated legislation.