

# Brenda Tronson

Barrister

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### Background and expertise

My work spans commercial and public law. My principal areas of practice are: administrative law; civil & human rights (including discrimination); commercial law; constitutional law; disciplinary matters; discrimination; evidence and procedure; migration law; and privacy and government information law.

I appear for a range of clients in a variety of State and Federal courts and tribunals, and am frequently briefed to advise and/or appear in relation to important or complex statutory interpretation questions.

I appear pro bono in appropriate matters.

Before commencing practice as a barrister in 2008 at Sixth Floor Selborne Wentworth Chambers, I was associate to Justice Crennan at the High Court of Australia and completed the BCL with Distinction and MPhil in Law at Oxford University (Lincoln College). After completing my undergraduate degrees at UNSW, I worked as a graduate at Freehills.

### Selection of appearances

*Comcare v Banerji* (2019) 93 ALJR 900

*Daly v Thiering* (2013) 249 CLR 381

*Wainohu v State of New South Wales* (2011) 243 CLR 181

*DFQ17 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection* [2019] FCAFC 64

*Berger v Council of the Law Society of NSW* [2019] NSWCA 119

*Liem v Republic of Indonesia* [2018] FCAFC 135

*Sharma v Insurance Australia Ltd* [2017] NSWCA 307

*Sukkar v Adonis Electrics Pty Ltd* [2014] NSWCA 459

*Berger v Council of the Law Society of New South Wales* [2013] NSWCA 336

*Dona v Council of the Law Society of NSW* [2014] NSWCA 444

*KS v Veitch (No 2)* (2012) 84 NSWLR 172

*Kutlu v Director of Professional Services Review* (2011) 197 FCR 177

*Minister for Immigration and Citizenship v SZSNW* (2014) 229 FCR 197

*Chaichian v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection* [2016] FCA 646

*ABV16 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection* [2017] FCA 184

## Major awards and scholarships

University Medal in Chemistry (UNSW)	2002
James Fairfax Oxford-Australia Fund Scholarship	2005–2006 2007–2008
Clarendon Bursary (Oxford University)	2007–2008
Young Lawyer of the Year (NSW Young Lawyers Patron Award)	2010

## Other positions

Coach, Australian Advocacy Institute	from 2019
NSW Bar Association Diversity & Equality Committee – member	2014–present
NSW Bar Association Equitable Briefing Working Group – chair	2016–present
Women Barristers Forum – co-vice chair	2016–2019
Chair, owners corporation of a large strata scheme	2014–2016
NSW Young Lawyers – Executive Councillor and Secretary	2012, 2013
Various teaching roles, UNSW and College of Law LLM	2011–2018
Updating author, Subtitle 2.6 (Judicial Review Remedies) of The Laws of Australia	to 2014

## Seminars, publications and papers

I have presented seminars and workshops, and written papers, on a range of topics, including:

- ~ ethics, including in the context of commercial litigation
- ~ client legal privilege
- ~ various administrative law topics, including statutory interpretation, information and privacy, decision-making and Royal Commission powers
- ~ professional disciplinary law and procedure

My publications include:

- ~ Current updating author, Subtitle 2.6 (Judicial Review Remedies), *The Laws of Australia* (also extracted in M Robinson (ed), *Judicial Review: The Laws of Australia*, Thomson Reuters, 2014)
- ~ ‘Towards proportionality – the “quick, cheap and just” balance in civil litigation’ in CB Picker and G Seidman (eds), *The Dynamism of Civil Procedure – Global Trends and Developments*, Springer, 2016
- ~ ‘Express Justice: Summary Disposal and Expedition’ in M Legg (ed), *Resolving Civil Disputes*, LexisNexis Butterworths, 2016
- ~ ‘Part 7’ and ‘Part 8’ in S Lloyd and M Perry (eds), *The Australian Native Title*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, LawBook Co, 2018