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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Criminal
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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Queensland University of Technology
Bachelor of Arts (Peace & Conflict Studies and French), University of Queensland and Université de Lausanne
Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Australian National University

CAREER HISTORY

In addition to advising on and preparing many factually and legally complex matters, Lara's experience at both the private and employed bar includes:

- appearing in more than 30 jury trials in the District and Childrens Courts, relating to violence, sex, weapons and drug offences;

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- appearing in more than 250 sentences in the Supreme, District and Childrens Courts, relating to serious indictable offences under Queensland and Commonwealth Criminal Codes and other Acts;
- appearing in more than 40 pre-trial applications in the District and Supreme Courts, involving issues such as the exclusion of unfairly obtained evidence, severance, disclosure, release from a Harman implied undertaking, a rare Mosely order, and sexual assault counselling privilege;
- appearing in more than 10 appeals under s 222 of the Justices Act in the District Court;
- appearing in more than 200 bail applications, including applications following conviction pending appeal and applications to revoke bail, in the Supreme Court;
- appearing, led by Kings Counsel, in a contested hearing in the Mental Health Court in relation to unsoundness;
- appearing in a small number of uncontested hearings in the Mental Health Court;
- appearing for the family of the deceased in an inquest concerned primarily with mental health services and health care in the Coroner's Court;
- acting for a prisoner in the Parole Board's consideration of whether he had given satisfactory cooperation under the 'no body no parole' scheme;
- working for the 2022 Independent Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence, with areas of focus being the overrepresentation of First Nations people in the criminal justice system and the adequacy of the police conduct and complaints processes;
- working for the 2019 Queensland Government Special Joint Taskforce investigating subcontractor non-payment in the Queensland building industry, incorporating construction industry laws and regulations, as well as some aspects of insolvency and corporations law.

CASES

Hamilton v Commissioner of Police [2021] QDC 60

R v Nathaniel [2021] QDCPR 77

R v Cooper [2020] QDCPR 15

Andersen v Commissioner of Police [2020] QDC 23

Murray v Commissioner of Police [2018] QDC 96

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