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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

Criminal Law  
Appellate Advocacy  
Regulatory Law  
Inquests  
Inquiries

## EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), University of Queensland  
Bachelor of Arts (Double Major in Political Science), University of Queensland

## CAREER HISTORY

Anna has practiced at the private Bar in Queensland since 2008. She is passionate about social justice and providing fearless advocacy for people who find themselves confronting the criminal justice system. Anna's practice at the Bar focuses primarily on criminal law and regulatory matters. She regularly appears on behalf of both defendants and prosecuting authorities at the State and Commonwealth level in proceedings in the District Courts, Supreme Court of Queensland, the Queensland Court of Appeal and the Norfolk Island Court of Petty Sessions and Supreme Court.

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Anna also appears in inquiries and inquests. In 2022, Anna was one of the Counsel Assisting the Independent Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence. The inquiry's report, "A Call for Change" was presented to the Queensland Government in November 2022.

Anna is a member of the Queensland Bar Association; the Criminal Law Committee of the Queensland Bar Association and LawRite.

Anna commenced her career by taking up the position as the Associate to Justice Homes in the Supreme Court of Queensland (now the Chief Justice for the State of Queensland). It was in this role that Anna first developed her passion for Criminal Law as Her Honour was then the Manager of the Criminal Law list in the Supreme Court. After her time as an Associate, Anna was employed as an articled clerk at a busy criminal law firm in Brisbane. She was admitted as a solicitor in the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2006 and worked as a solicitor in private practice before being called to the Bar in 2008.

Anna also channels her passion for social justice through her role as a Board Member of inCommunity, a not-for-profit organisation that provides a range of services to homeless, at risk and disadvantaged members of the community.

Outside of work, Anna loves AFL footy. Anna is able to channel her passion for both law and footy in her role as Chairperson of the AFL Queensland Tribunal. She has also represented AFLW players in hearings before the National AFL Tribunal. Back in her playing days, Anna played for and captained both the Kedron Lions and the Zillmere Eagles women's AFL teams. She was a member of the inaugural Queensland Women's AFL team and, later, was Captain of the Queensland Team. Since becoming a mother of four, Anna's football focus has transitioned from playing to coaching. She currently coaches junior footy teams at the Zillmere Eagles AFL Club and, every now and again, laces up the boots again for a social game of AFL 9s.

## SIGNIFICANT CASES

*R v Pollock* [2008] QCA 205

*R v Pollock* [2009] QCA 268

*R v Pollock* [2010] HCA 35

*R v Pollock* [2012] QCA 231

*R v Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions v Mare & Ors* [2009] Qld R 209

*R v Brackenrig* [2010] QCA 41

*R v Hines* [2016] QCA 3

*R v Delander* [2019] QCA 69

*R v Tong (a pseudonym)* [2021] QCA 261

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