

RUTH O'GORMAN KC

Year of call - 2009
Year of silk - 2021

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate
Commissions of Inquiry
Criminal Law
Disciplinary Proceedings
Inquests
Regulatory Prosecutions

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Ruth took silk in 2021.

She practises in criminal law where she appears in trials in the Supreme, District and Magistrates Courts of Queensland, and appeals in the High Court of Australia and Queensland Court of Appeal. In 2023, *Doyles Guide* listed Ruth as a pre-eminent senior counsel in criminal law in Queensland and a recommended senior counsel in criminal law in Australia.

Ruth is also regularly engaged in professional disciplinary matters and regulatory prosecutions.

Ruth appears in inquiries and inquests. In 2022, Ruth was the senior Counsel Assisting the Independent Commission of Inquiry into Queensland Police Service responses to domestic and family violence. In 2020 – 2021, Ruth was one of the Counsel Assisting the Queensland Coal Mining Board of Inquiry.

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PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

In 2023, Ruth was appointed as a part-time member of the Queensland Law Reform Commission for a three year term. She was previously a part-time member of the Commission from 2017 to 2020.

Ruth is a member of the Bar Council of the Queensland Bar Association. She is also a member of the Association's Criminal Law Committee and Bar Practice Course Management Committee.

SELECTED REPORTED CASES

Lang v The Queen [2023] HCA 29

Crime and Corruption Commission v Carne [2023] HCA 28

R v Predragovic [2023] 25 QLR; [2023] QCA 123

R v YTZ; Ex Parte Attorney-General (Qld); R v YTZ [2023] QCA 87

Carne v Crime and Corruption Commission [2022] QCA 141

R v Stallan [2022] QCA 40

R v Lang [2022] QCA 29

R v Dumble & Ors [2021] QCA 161

Comptroller-General of Customs v Inchcape Shipping Services Pty Limited [2021] QCA 61

R v Geddes [2020] QCA 94

R v Enright [2020] QCA 6

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

19 October 2023 Commentator, Current Legal Issues Seminar, "*Wrongful convictions – kinds, causes and solutions*"

17 March 2023 Chair, Legalwise Criminal Law Symposium

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4 March 2023	Panel presenter, Queensland Bar Association annual conference, <i>"Sex, Crime and the #MeToo Movement"</i>
26 May 2022	Presenter, Queensland Bar Association CPD seminar, <i>"Criminal sentencing advocacy"</i>
26 March 2022	Presenter, Queensland Bar Association annual conference, <i>"Can I – or should I – plead or argue that?"</i>
18 March 2022	Presenter, Legalwise Criminal Law Conference, <i>"Recent legislative updates - criminal law"</i>
5 October 2021	Panel presenter, Queensland Bar Association, <i>"Career and family as a criminal lawyer"</i>
7 September 2021	Presenter, Bar Practice Course, <i>"How to prepare for indictable criminal trials"</i>
20 August 2021	Presenter, Queensland Law Society criminal law conference, <i>"Managing jury trials"</i>
28 May 2021	Presenter, Queensland Bar Association CPD seminar, <i>"Criminal sentencing advocacy"</i>
13 March 2021	Presenter, Queensland Bar Association annual conference, <i>"Expert evidence in practice"</i>

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws, University of Queensland, 2005

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