

LARA SOLDI

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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Administrative & Public
Criminal
Regulatory (professional discipline, work health and safety)
Inquests & Inquiries
Planning & Environment
Industrial & Employment
Human Rights & Discrimination

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 unled in more than 40 trials in the Supreme, District, Childrens and Magistrates Courts, relating to violence, sex, weapons and drug offences, as well as offences under the *Planning Act* and the *Work Health*

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and Safety Act;

- appearing led in the Court of Appeal in both conviction and sentence appeals;
- appearing at multiple inquests with a particular focus on health care and services for a variety of parties, including for a hospital and health service, a doctor, and the family of the deceased;
- appearing at hearings related to reviews of decisions by the National Disability Insurance Agency in the Administrative Review Tribunal;
- appearing for the employer in an unfair dismissal hearing in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission;
- appearing in more than 300 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 Supreme and District 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, for the applicant and the respondent, in more than 200 bail applications in the Supreme Court, including applications following conviction pending appeal and applications to revoke bail;
- appearing in the Mental Health Court at hearings in which there was no contest about issues of unsoundness or fitness, but there was contest about future management;
- appearing, led by Kings Counsel, in a contested hearing in the Mental Health Court in relation to unsoundness for a patient charged with multiple killings;
- appearing for the patient in an appeal to the Mental Health Court;
- appearing for the prisoner at continuing detention order reviews under Pt 3 of the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act*;
- acting for a prisoner in the Parole Board's consideration of whether he had given satisfactory cooperation under the 'no body no parole' scheme;
- acting for doctors and other medical professionals in their dealings with Ahpra and the Office of the Health Ombudsman;
- 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;

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- 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

Perkins v State of Queensland (Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts) (No. 2) [2025] QIRC 36

Angelopoulos and National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIS) [2025] ARTA 521

Harding and National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIS) [2025] ARTA 373

R v MEB [2024] QCA 188

Hamilton v Commissioner of Police [2021] QDC 60

R v Nathaniel [2021] QDCPR 77

R v Millar [2020] QSCPR 17

R v Cooper [2020] QDCPR 15

Andersen v Commissioner of Police [2020] QDC 23

Murray v Commissioner of Police [2018] QDC 96

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Medico-Legal Society of Queensland

Women Lawyers Association of Queensland

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