

Kirsten Nelson

Barrister

Experienced advocate, appearing in courts and tribunals in New South Wales and Western Australia. After undergraduate legal training in Sydney, joined the NSW Office of Public Prosecutions in the complex trial team before moving to Perth to join WA DPP, then advising Commissioner for Consumer Protection. Most recently Counsel assisting for Corruption and Crime Commission.

Experience

2014 – 2024 Corruption and Crime Commission **Executive Director Legal Services, Counsel Assisting**

Appear as Counsel Assisting for inquiries into public sector corruption, exercise of police powers, offences involving abuse of office, offences against public authority and the administration of justice.

Manage financial proceedings in civil jurisdiction for criminal property confiscation matters.

Oversee provision of legal services to the Commission concerning governance, risk and use of statutory powers in criminal and disciplinary investigations.

2021 Perth Casino Royal Commission

Counsel Assisting in examination hearings of public officers, Gaming and Wagering Commission board members, Crown casino employees.

2012-2014 Dept Energy Mines Industry Regulation **Senior Lawyer, Consumer Protection & Regulation**

Criminal prosecutions: breaches of Australian Consumer Law. Prosecution of licensing matters within regulated vocations such as real estate, motor vehicle industry, travel agents, charities and associations. Conduct of State Administrative Tribunal hearings for vocational disciplinary matters.

2008-2010 Family Court Act proceedings

Instruct Senior and junior counsel in complex property settlement proceedings.

1998-2008 Office of Director Public Prosecutions (WA)

Senior State Prosecutor Trial Team

Conduct District Court jury trials in matters involving historical sexual assault, arson, drug offences, personal violence offences and offences relating to property.

Appearances before Supreme and District Courts for sentencing, bail hearings and interlocutory matters.

1995- 1998 Office of Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW)

Crown Solicitor – Complex Trials

Instructing counsel for District and Supreme Court prosecutions involving offences of murder, riot and affray, sexual assault, fraud, serious assaults. Advice and conduct of complex prosecution matters arising from Royal Commission hearings, NSW ICAC, Crime Commission.

Conduct of single judge appeals de novo from Magistrate Court and extensive regional court appearances for District Court circuits.

Education

BCom & LLB (UNSW) 1992

LLM Crim Law (Univ. of Sydney) 2000

Executive Master of Public Administration (ANZSOG) 2020

NMAS Accredited Mediator

Admission

Admitted to Supreme Courts of NSW & WA

Admitted to High Court of Australia

Negative Vet Level 1 security clearance

Expertise

- Criminal law and evidence
- Commissions of Inquiry
- Royal Commissions, Coronial Inquests
- Regulatory and licensing matters
- Criminal property confiscations
- Public and government prosecutions
- White collar crime

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