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Admissions

Commenced practice at the Queensland Bar, 2003.

Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Queensland 2002.

Admitted to practice in the High Court of Australia 2004.

Practice Profile

Susan practises in insurance litigation, with particular expertise in psychiatric injury claims no matter the cause of injury. She also maintains a general civil practice encompassing commercial, property, administrative, contract, equity and trusts, insurance, appellate, and ADR work.

Her special interest areas include workplace psychiatric injuries, abuse cases (including historical institutional abuse claims against governments, religious bodies, and other organisations), and medical negligence.

Areas of Practice

Personal Injuries (including workplace psychiatric injury and institutional abuse)

Workers' Compensation

Administrative Law

ADR: Arbitration, Expert Determination, Mediation

Appellate

Commercial and Contract

Equity and Trusts

Insurance

Land and Compulsory Acquisition

Professional Negligence

Property

Recent Matters

Wilson v Workers' Compensation Regulator [2026] QIRC 024

Eyles v Sydney Skydivers Pty Ltd [2026] QCA 53

Jorgensen v Superior Pak Pty Ltd [2025] QDC 204 – workplace injury

Murphy v Madill [2025] QSC 103 – physical and psychiatric injury

Willmot v Queensland [2024] HCA 42; 98 ALJR 1407

Townsend v Workers' Compensation Regulator [2022] QIRC 105 — workplace psychiatric injury

Ackers v Cairns Regional Council [2021] QSC 342 — psychiatric injury, overwork and employer duties

Robertson v State of Queensland & Anor [2021] QCA 92 — workplace bullying

Isles v State of Queensland [2021] QCAT 135 — discrimination claim against Queensland Police

Lo v Huang [2020] QCA 97 — trust and property

Colwell v Top Cut Foods Pty Ltd [2018] QDC 119 — assault at work by co-worker

Other matters have included claims against hospitals and individual medical practitioners in medical negligence, prosecution and defence of white-collar criminal matters in the Magistrates and District Courts, and representation of clients in compulsory conferences, mediations and appeals before the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission.

Publications and Academic Work

MPhil thesis (International Law), University of Queensland, 2014: The Use of Force in Response to a low level attack: What are a State's Rights?

'When the Law Breaker becomes the Law Maker', pp 414–435, in *The Challenge of Conflict: International Law Responds* (Martinus Nijhoff, 2006).

'The Pickwick Papers and Separating Witnesses: Evolution of a Salutory Practice', *Hearsay*, Issue 58, December 2012.

Appointments and Governance

Chair, Ann Street Presbyterian Church Trust

Chair, Peirson Memorial Trust

Convenor, Code and Legal Reference Committee, Presbyterian Church of Queensland

Member, Professional Conduct Committee, Junior Sub-committee, Queensland Bar Association

Prior Legal Experience

Associate to the Honourable Justice McPherson, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Queensland 2001 to 2002

Tutor, T.C. Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland, 2003 to 2005.

Teaching and Professional Development

Coach, Bar Practice Course, Queensland Bar Association (ongoing).

Lecturer (International Law), Queensland University of Technology, 2006 and 2007.

Lecturer (Introduction to Law), Australian Catholic University Brisbane, 2006.

Education

2017 Appellate Advocacy Course, Australian Bar Association

2014 Master of Philosophy (International Law), University of Queensland

2013 Advanced Trial Advocacy Course, Australian Bar Association

2009 Trial Advocacy Course, Australian Bar Association

2001 Juris Doctor, University of Queensland (Dean's Honour Roll; Editor, University of Queensland Law Journal; Jessup Moot participant)

1989 Bachelor of Arts (International Affairs), George Washington University, Washington DC

Memberships

Queensland Bar Association

Australian Bar Association

LawRight

Child Protection Practitioners Association Queensland