



**HARRIET  
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**ADMISSIONS AND  
QUALIFICATIONS**

*2019*

Barrister

*2011*

Solicitor

*2012, on hold*

Masters of International law, the University of Sydney (transferring to the LLM at Melbourne University)

*2011*

Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, the College of Law, Sydney (Distinction Average)

*2010*

Juris Doctor, University of Technology, Sydney (GPA 3.33 out of 4)

*2003*

Bachelor of Music, Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Griffith University

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**EXPERIENCE**

*2011 - 2019*

**Senior Associate, Ashurst**

Harriet has advised and acted for clients in international arbitrations and proceedings in Australian courts. This experience spans contractual claims, class actions, competition claims, misfeasance claims, shareholder disputes, Corporations Act litigation and misleading and deceptive conduct claims.

*2013*

**Associate to the Hon. Justice Lindsay Graeme Foster, Federal Court of Australia**

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**SELECT CASES (AS A  
SOLICITOR)**

*Sub title*

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Yancoal Australia: Acting in Supreme Court proceedings brought by a former subsidiary of Noble Group Limited concerning a \$280 million contractual dispute (with Dr Andrew Bell SC and James Hutton).

Petroleum Joint Venture: Acting for an international petroleum joint venture in an UNCITRAL arbitration against a State for the wrongful cancellation of a petroleum development licence and pipeline licence.

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Sub-sea contractor: Acting in an ICC arbitration concerning various construction and contractual disputes relating to construction and installation activities at the Chevron Gorgon and Wheatstone LNG facilities (with Duncan Miller SC and James Hutton).

Oil Exploration Company: Acting in a \$50 million arbitration against a rig company for the wrongful termination of a drilling services contract.

Oil Exploration Company: Advising on the implications of the establishment of a maritime boundary between Australia and Timor Leste pursuant to a treaty and the effect of that treaty on certain petroleum exploration and development licences.

Oil and Gas Exploration Company: Acting in an LCIA arbitration seated in London under English law concerning a \$90 million contractual dispute with an off-shore drilling contractor (with Dr Andrew Bell SC and James Hutton).

Major Electricity Producer: Acting in two domestic arbitrations concerning claims for force majeure arising from two successive and catastrophic plant failures. The claimant claimed \$75 million in liquidated damages for failure to supply electricity (with Dr Andrew Bell SC and James Hutton).

Oil Search: Advising on the defence of class action proceedings in the PNG National Court of Justice concerning alleged contamination of a wetland protected by the RAMSAR Convention on Wetlands of International Importance.

WestConnex: Advising in respect of a potential injunction and stop work order foreshadowed by the Environmental Defenders Office concerning WestConnex's obligations to carry out remedial works to the former Alexandria Landfill site after the site was compulsorily acquired (Land and Environment Court of NSW).

Peabody Energy: Advising in respect of potential injunctions and environmental litigation affecting a major coal mine (Land and Environment Court of NSW).

Iron Ore JV: Providing advice in respect of royalty payment disputes.

A major international energy and resources company: Advising in respect of a contractual dispute with the purchaser of mining assets and the risks associated with termination.

Loyal Coal (a subsidiary of Whitehaven Coal): acting for Loyal Coal in Federal Court proceedings brought by the ACCC for bid rigging and anti-competitive conduct concerning the tender process for the award of exploration licences in the Bylong Valley (with Dr Ruth Higgins SC).

Allco Class Action: Acting for KPMG in the Allco Class Action (Jeremy Kirk SC and Perry Herzfeld).

Samsung: Successfully defending an application for an injunction brought by Apple concerning the release of Samsung's Galaxy Tab in the High Court of Australia.

Commonwealth Government: Advising on various aspects of a confidential procurement project including confidentiality issues and potential disputes arising out of the procurement process.

ATO: Advising and acting on a claim brought against multiple ATO officers in the Supreme Court of NSW for misfeasance in public office, breach of duty and bad faith (with Robert Weber SC and Stephanie Patterson).

Commonwealth Department of Finance: Advising in respect of disputes concerning a major defence procurement program.

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Air Niugini: contractual dispute (with Michael Izzo SC).

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**SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANTS**

*2017*

Winner of CSIRO's fully funded "On-Prime" program aimed at commercialisation of technology

*2007*

Awarded a place in the 'Women in Business' program run by the NSW Department of State and Regional Development

*2005*

Recipient of the \$10,000 New Enterprise Incentive Scheme grant from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

*2002 and 2003*

Three scholarships from the Opus 50 foundation for musical excellence and education

*2002*

Scholarship to complete a Bachelor of Music at the Australian National Institute of Music

*1999*

Offered a full scholarship to undertake a Bachelor of Music at the University of Queensland (did not accept)

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**MOOTING**

*2012 - 2013*

Coach, UTS Team Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot

*2011*

Coach of the UTS team, Gadens' Women's Moot

*2011*

Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, International Arbitration Moot: 'Spirit of the Moot' award

*2011*

Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot: quarter-finalist, Australian rounds, ranked third

*2010*

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Moot: advanced rounds

*2010*

Australian Law Students' Association, Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot

*2010*

Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot

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**PRO BONO, RESEARCH, &  
PUBLICATIONS**

*2015 - 2018*

Pro-bono legal advice to Decision Support Analytics, a medical research and analytics company

*2018*

Co-editor of Ashurst's "Disputes Year in Review" publication

*2016*

Australian International Disputes Centre Bulletin, "Hot Tubbing in international arbitration: finding a path through the maze of expert evidence"

*2016*

Energy Source, "Demobilising offshore drilling rigs: shifting costs"

*2015*

Ashurst Australia, Privilege Update, "When fair may be foul: waiver of legal privilege over compliance advice"

*2012*

Co-author of articles on international arbitration for the Australian International Disputes Centre Bulletin