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Danielle is an experienced junior counsel who appears unled and led in matters concerning competition and regulatory law, commercial disputes, public and administrative law, and international law.

In commercial and competition and regulatory matters Danielle is briefed by private sector clients, government departments and regulators in contested proceedings, penalty proceedings and in investigations. Her most recent appearances in this area include acting for Epic Games, developer of the video game *Fortnite*, in private misuse of market power proceedings against Apple under Australian competition and consumer law. Danielle also recently appeared for a successful respondent in regulatory proceedings brought by ASIC under the National Credit Code led by Richard McHugh SC. Danielle has also appeared in disqualification proceedings brought by APRA in the Federal Court in relation to major superannuation fund IOOF led by Noel Hutley SC and was briefed in appeal proceedings concerning the merger of major Australian transport logistics companies Aurizon and Pacific National.

In public and administrative law matters, Danielle has been briefed led and unled to advise and appear in matters involving difficult questions of constitutional law and statutory construction. She has appeared led in the High Court, most recently for an individual in family law proceedings concerning the proper construction of "relationship breakdown" in the context of the *De Facto Relationships Act* led by Justin Gleeson SC. She has also appeared led in the High Court for the Director-General of National Archives in the "Palace Letters" case, and has advised and appeared



in migration matters, and regulatory proceedings of all kinds involving judicial review applications and constitutional law issues. Danielle's expertise has been recognised by the Doyles Guide, in which she is listed as a leading public and administrative law junior barrister in Australia.

In International law matters Danielle accepts briefs to advise in public and private international law disputes. Her work in the Epic Games matter has included advice and appearance work on questions of choice of law and choice of forum. In 2021 Danielle, led by Justin Gleeson, provided advice to a State Government in relation to a potential investor state dispute settlement. Danielle is also a member of the ACICA Legislative Committee and Chair of the Expert Advisory Committee on Working Group III (Investor-State Dispute Settlement Reform), UNCITRAL National Coordination Committee for Australia (**UNCCA**).

Prior to coming to the Bar, Danielle was a solicitor at AGS and Counsel Assisting the Solicitor-General of the Commonwealth (in the latter role, working to both Stephen Gageler SC and subsequently Justin Gleeson SC).