

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (1985)

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours Qualifying), majoring in German Language & Literature
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (2003)

- Master of Laws (BioEthics, Health Law and Health Ethics)

ABRIDGED EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

SOLICITOR-GENERAL'S APPEAL TEAM (1986-1987)

BARRISTER, QUEENSLAND (1987-date)

- Call: 1987 | Silk: 2006
- I specialise in public law, general civil litigation (particularly insurance and personal injuries), inquests/commissions of inquiry, crime, family law, child protection and domestic and family violence issues
- I have been involved in 3 Commissions of Inquiry (as Counsel for the State of Queensland in the Barrett Centre Inquiry; as Counsel for the Medical Board in the Bundaberg Hospital Inquiry and as Counsel Assisting the Queensland Child Protection Inquiry), and 2 Royal Commissions (for the State of Queensland in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse and the Disability Royal Commission)
- Provided advice (exhibited as an annexure), with the constitutional unit of Crown Law, to Dame Quentin Bryce's 'Not Now, Not Ever' Report as to various aspects of domestic violence reform
- I am the Co-Chair of the Bar's Pro Bono Committee and have been a member of the Professional Conduct Sub-Committee for 14 years (as well as an ethics counsellor)

COMMISSIONER, YOUTH DETENTION REVIEW (Nov 2016-Jan 2017)

- I was appointed by the Attorney-General of Queensland as Commissioner (with Professor Megan Davis of UNSW) to inquire into practices, operation and oversight of the state's two youth detention centres in Townsville and Brisbane, in addition to evaluating the effectiveness of programs and services delivered in Queensland's youth detention centres. It also reviewed specific allegations of mistreatment of young people made by former staff members and young people previously in youth detention in Queensland.
- I led a team encompassing police officers, various sociological and legal researchers and Counsel
- In the space of under 3 months, the Commission produced the first Report in the western world that conducted an extensive literature review into the operation of western youth detention centres

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, TC BERINE SCHOOL OF LAW, UQ (2014-date)

- I have taught into Medical Law, Leadership in Law and Legal Ethics
- In 2017, I developed and taught a course entitled 'Healthcare Law & Ethics' – which was a multidisciplinary course that drew on the expertise of medicine and law

MEMBER, 'NOT NOW, NOT EVER' IMPLEMENTATION PANEL (2015-2019)

MEMBER, TC BEIRNE SCHOOL OF LAW ADVISORY BOARD (2015-date)

- I serve on this board to provide strategic input into the TC Beirne School of Law's future and the LLB curriculum
- I serve on this Board with the Hon. John Dowsett AM, Justice Greenwood, Justice Sofronoff, Justice Jackson, David O'Brien and Marian Gibney

MEMBER, CHILD DEATH CASE REVIEW PANEL (2014-date)

- Ministerial appointment – sits to review all cases of child death

ATTENDEE, HUMAN RESEARCH & ETHICS COMMITTEE, ROYAL BRISBANE HOSPITAL (2012-3)

Kathryn Ann McMillan QC
Quay 11 Chambers
Level 11, 95 North Quay

- Provided legal and ethical advice to the Royal Brisbane Hospital

CHAIR, QUEENSLAND MEDICAL INTERIM NOTIFICATION GROUP (2013-4)

MEMBER, MENTAL HEALTH REVIEW TRIBUNAL (2001-2004)

- Dealt extensively with involuntary treatment orders with forensic psychiatrists

TRIBUNAL MEMBER (1995-2004)

- Psychologists Board (2001-2004); Anti-Discrimination Tribunal (1997-2001), and Dental Technician & Prosthesis Board (1995-1998)

KEY RECENT CASES (CONDENSED)

- Retained in the Inquest into the alleged suicides the subject of the ‘Barrett Centre Inquiry’
- Acted for the Department of Defence with respect to redress claims for alleged sexual abuse
- Retained by the State of Queensland for a significant upcoming trial (and associated interlocutory appeal) in the Supreme Court concerning complex allegations of public misfeasance, defamation and breach of employment law (yet to be listed)
- Retained by the State of Queensland for a 3 day judicial review application concerning a Child Care Centre’s licence (also retained to respond to the appeal)
- Retained by the State of Queensland in a trial in the Supreme Court relating to a negligence claim with respect to a breast cancer diagnosis following the provision of breast-screening (settled)
- Advised the Commissioner of Taxation on an urgent basis with respect to potential judicial review applications of the Commissioner’s decision to issue s 353-10 notices under the *TAA 1953*
- Acted for the Commissioner of Taxation with respect to a taxpayer’s application to review the Commissioner decision to issue a Director Penalty Notice (settled)
- *Re Creswell* [2019] 1 Qd R 403: first application for utilisation of stored spermatozoa for partner of deceased in Queensland
- *Mentink v Commissioner for Queensland Police* [2018] QSC 151: acted for the Commissioner in the first intermediate court decision to consider a judicial review application against the Commissioner operating under the *Overseas Travel by Child Sex Offenders Act 2017* (Cth)
- Various matters in the Family Court concerning parenting, child protection and property settlement: see, eg, *Cunningham & Cunningham* [2018] FamCA 415
- *Naidoo v State of Queensland* [2017] QDC 63: acted for the State in successfully arguing a ‘good faith’ defence to defamation
- *Re Leith Dorene Patteson* [2016] QSC 104: an urgent application seeking an order authorising the removal and storage of spermatozoa from deceased partner
- *Theophane & Hunt (Final parenting orders)* [2014] FamCA 1038: factually complex issues of the effect of mental health complications on capacity to care for child
- Various matters in the Children’s Court – see, eg, *Department v G-H* [2007] QChC 6
- Various matters acting as lead counsel for the Medical Board/Health Ombudsman in connection with disciplinary proceedings against medical practitioners – see, eg, *Medical Board v Jonsson* [2017] QCAT 336; *Medical Board v Alroe* [2014] QCAT 677; *Broadbent v Medical Board* (2011) 195 FCR 1

AWARDS, HONOURS & PUBLICATIONS

- *Lawyers Weekly* “Barrister of the Year” (2019) and Finalist Woman Lawyer of the Year (2015)
- Doyle’s Guide to the Legal Profession – listed as a “Leading” Queen’s Counsel for Family Law (every year since taking Silk) and as “Leading” for Child Protection (every year since taking Silk)
- St Aidan’s Anglican Girls School Alumni Award
- Kathryn McMillan QC, “Beyond Common Knowledge” (2019) 39(2) *UQ Law Journal* 389
- Various speeches and papers on evidence; redress schemes for sexual assault victims and public law matters