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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Susan McNeil was called to the Queensland Bar in March 2007.

Susan practices primarily in the following areas of law: commercial disputes, contractual disputes, property law disputes, building and construction (including domestic building disputes), body corporate (strata title) disputes, insurance (including personal injury), and wills and estates.

Susan regularly appears in the courts and tribunals in Queensland, including the Queensland Court of Appeal, Supreme Court, District Court, Magistrates Court and the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal, as well as representing parties in commercial arbitrations. She regularly travels to Courts and Tribunals around Queensland, including Beaudesert, Bundaberg, Cairns, Hervey Bay, Kingaroy, Mackay, Maryborough, Townsville, Toowoomba, and Southport.

Susan has appeared in the Queensland Court of Appeal on 4 occasions, each time without a leader. However, she regularly appears with Senior Counsel.

Prior to being called to the Bar, Susan was a solicitor in Brisbane with Quinlan Miller & Treston Lawyers.

Areas of practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Body Corporate ▪ Commercial ▪ Insurance Law (inc. personal injury) ▪ Wills & Estates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building and Construction ▪ Contract ▪ Property Law (inc leasing disputes)
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Admission	<p>First call to the Bar - March 2007</p> <p>High Court of Australia - September 2005</p> <p>Queensland Supreme Court - September 2005</p>
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Education	LLB, BA (QUT)
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Former employers	<p>Solicitor, Quinlan Miller & Treston Lawyers, 2005 - 2006</p> <p>Articled Clerk, Irish Bentley Lawyers, 2003 - 2005</p>
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Current Positions	Chair, Sub-Committee of the BDPS QCAT Users Group
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Former Positions	<p>President, Women Lawyers Association of Queensland (2009 - 2011), Committee member (2003 - 2016)</p> <p>Vice President, Australian Women Lawyers (2013 - 2014), Director (2011 - 2014)</p>
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Current Associations	<p>Queensland Bar Association, Member</p> <p>Building Dispute Practitioners Society (Qld Chapter) (BDPS), Member</p> <p>Women Lawyers Association of Queensland, Member</p> <p>Australian Women Lawyers, Member</p>
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Recent Presentations, Conferences

- *Conflicts of Interest (case update)*, presenter (1 February 2017)
- *The Myth of Work-Life Balance*, presenter, Women Legal 2016 (January 2016)
- *Good Faith is a Bad Idea – The Great Debate*, presenter, SOCLA (Society of Construction Law Australia) (November 2015)
- *Developments in Leasing (case update)*, presenter, LegalWise (March 2014, March 2015)
- Presenter, Bar Practice Course (2008 to present)

Cases of Note

Court of Appeal:

John Urquhart t/as Hart Renovations v Partington & Anor [2016] QCA 199

Surrey & Anor v Sand and Surf Design Pty Ltd [2015] QCA 274

Goodhue v Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Incorporated [2015] QCA 029

Miller & Anor v Lida Build Pty Ltd [2013] QCA 332

Supreme Court

Brown v Jackson [2015] QSC 355

JV Pub Group v Red Carpet Real Estate Pty Ltd & Ors [2014] QSC 267

Amricama Pty Ltd v Red Carpet Real Estate [2014] QSC 267

District Court

Goodhue v Volunteer Marine Rescue Association Incorporated [2015] QDC 029

Thompson Residential Pty Ltd v Hart & Anor [2014] QDC 132

Higgins Coatings Pty Ltd v Cure-It Chemical Applicators Pty Ltd [2014] QDC 130

QCAT – Appeal Tribunal

Mair Renovations v Miller [2016] QCATA 079

Mintaka Investments Pty Ltd & Ors v Rolloyd as Trustee [2015] QCATA 176

QCAT

Ranch Frey Pty Ltd v Body Corporate for Quarterdeck [2016] QCAT 252

Gravenall v Craig Rynne Constructions Pty Ltd [2016] QCAT 066

Haywood v Queensland Building and Construction Commission [2015] QCAT 392

Mair Renovations v Miller [2015] QCAT 333

DC Mills Developments Pty Ltd v Fitch [2015] QCAT 114