

# Kerri Mellifont QC

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## SHORT FORM CURRICULUM VITAE

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## PROFESSIONAL

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### **Barrister-at-Law, admitted to practice 19 September 1994**

- Commenced at the private bar in February 2001. Key areas of practice are:
  - Mediation (including as mediator)
  - Criminal and regulatory law across full gamut of State and Federal regimes, including, but not limited to:
    - acting in closed hearings for and against regulators;
    - substantial experience in WHS and mining death/injury proceedings;
  - Medical law, including disciplinary proceedings
  - Inquests
  - Commissions of Inquiry / government review & inquiry work
  - Administrative law across State and Federal regimes
- One of the Senior Counsel assisting Queensland Floods Commission 2011
- On Court of Appeal pro bono panel since 2007
- 27 years experience (total pre and post admission) in criminal and regulatory law, including 5 ½ years at the Public Defender's Office/Legal Aid Office; 5 ½ years at the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, 16 + years at private bar
- Senior Legal Officer at Forde Inquiry into Child Abuse 1998 – 1999
- Member of the Psychologists Board of Queensland 2005 – 2010 (resigned)
- Director of Barristers Chambers Pty Ltd 2005 – current
- Member of the QUT Law Founder's Scholarship Committee 2013 - current

## **ACADEMIC**

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- Bachelor of Laws (Hons), 1994, QUT
- Master of Laws, GPA 6.25, 1996, QUT
- Doctor of Juridical Science, 2007, QUT
- Author: *Fruit of the Poisonous Tree*, Federation Press (Excluding illegally and improperly obtained evidence with a focus on derivative evidence – comparative study across USA, UK and Australia)

## **TEACHING**

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- 1996 – June 2001: Tutor and Lecturer in Criminal Law, Justice Studies Faculty, QUT
- 1998 – 1999: Guest lecturer in Litigation Evidence, Justice Studies Faculty, QUT
- 2000: Received letter of commendation for teaching in Principles of Criminal Law from Assistant Dean, Teaching and Learning, QUT
- 1996 – June 2001: Tutor of aboriginal students under Aboriginal Tutoring Assistance Scheme, QUT
- Presenter at Bar Practice Course: 2003 (Ethics); 2005 – 2013 (Criminal Law)
- Frequent presenter at CPD seminars, including for QLS, BAS, MLSQ, government departments/agencies, and mid to top tier law firms

## **DOYLE'S LIST**

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- Leading Employment and WHS Barristers (Queensland) 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019
- Recommended Employment and WHS Barristers (Australia) 2017
- Recommended Insurance and Personal Injuries Barristers (Queensland) 2016

## **WLAQ WOMAN LAWYER OF THE YEAR 2017**

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- Recipient of the WLAQ Woman Lawyer of the Year Award 2017