

# Bianca Stringer

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## Education and Formal Qualifications

### Bar Association of Queensland (BPC78)

Date of Entry: 4 October 2022

### Legal Practitioner admitted in the Supreme Court of Queensland

Date of Admission: 5 August 2019

**Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice**, June 2019, Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

**Bachelor of Laws (Honours)**, December 2018, QUT

**Bachelor of Business, majors in Management and Marketing**, March 2005, Griffith University

## Professional Experience

**October 2022 to present**

### Barrister-at-Law

#### Areas of practice:

- Personal Injuries: medical negligence, CTP, workplace, abuse
- Disciplinary proceedings / regulatory tribunals
- Inquiries / inquests and statutory tribunals, particularly Coronial Inquests
- Health Law
- Administrative and public law
- Employment law

#### Notable cases:

- *Rodgers v Chinsee* [2024] QDC 55, led by Mr D Schneidewin.
- *Morgan and National Disability Insurance Agency* [2023] AATA 3311 (29 September 2023)
- *Mills v Footprints Community Ltd* (ABN 15 100 277 492) [2023] QDC 48 (for the plaintiff), unled.
- The Inquest into the Death of Benjamin Freer (appearing pro bono for the family of Mr Freear, instructed by Caxton Legal Centre.

**March 2023 to 1 August 2024**

### Community Member appointed to the Board of the Prostitution Licensing Authority

Statutory appointment, held for three years.

**April 2020 to August 2022**

### Associate - Health Law and Policy and Commercial Litigation, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

#### Key responsibilities:

- Complex case management of pre-court proceedings and litigated matters in personal injuries, including medical negligence and historical abuse, applying the provisions of the *Personal Injuries Proceedings Act 2002*, *Uniform Civil Procedure Rules*, *Civil Liability Act 2003*, and *Limitation of Actions Act 1974*.
- Written and oral advice and recommendations to clients on issues relating to preliminary matters, compliance and investigations, liability, quantum, resolution at

	<p>compulsory conferences / mediation, proposed strategy in progressing a claim to trial and policy advice work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Part-time secondment (4 months) as the Acting District Solicitor at Mackay Hospital and Health Service.</li> <li>▪ Mentored law graduates, paralegals, and seasonal clerks.</li> <li>▪ Pro Bono Client Service work with LawRight and contributing to the Corrs Community as a Member of the Corrs Young Professional Committee.</li> </ul>
<p><b>January 2019 to March 2020</b></p>	<p><b>Associate, Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT)</b></p> <p><u>Key responsibilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Associate to the Tribunal Deputy Presidents and [Senior] Members of the General Division. Efficiently managed the conduct of hearings, liaised with parties, recorded and safe keeping of exhibits, swore in witnesses and recorded and administered Orders and Directions.</li> <li>▪ Assisted in the preparation, drafting, editing, and publishing of Tribunal decisions and reasons for decisions.</li> <li>▪ Legal research tasks on the <i>Social Security Act 1991</i>, <i>Tax Administration Act 1953</i>, and the <i>National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Act 2011</i>.</li> <li>▪ Mentored and trained newly appointed Associates to the Tribunal. Updated the Associates Manual training guide.</li> <li>▪ State Coordinator of the AAT 2019 Moot Competition. Drafter of the semi-final moot problem.</li> </ul>
<p><b>July 2010 to December 2018</b></p>	<p><b>Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)</b></p> <p><u>Last position:</u> <i>Team Leader, Compliance, Level 7 (October - December 2018).</i></p> <p><i>Long Service Leave taken between February and September 2018</i></p> <p><u>Previous positions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Acting Manager, Registrations, Level 8 (November 2016 to January 2018)</i></li> <li>• <i>Team Leader Compliance, Level 7 (March 2016 to October 2016)</i></li> <li>• <i>Senior Compliance Officer, Level 6 (January 2015 to March 2016)</i></li> <li>• <i>Assistant Manager, Health, Performance and Compliance, Level 7 (May 2013 to August 2014)</i></li> <li>• <i>Notifications Officer, Level 6 (February to May 2013)</i></li> <li>• <i>Senior Registration Officer, Level 6 (July 2010 to February 2013 and September to December 2014)</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Key Responsibilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interpreted and applied the provisions of the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009</i>, the Regulatory Principles, and individual Health Practitioner Board (the Boards) Codes of Conduct, policies and guidelines on registration, notifications, and compliance matters.</li> <li>▪ Provided high-level authoritative advice to the Boards on registration, investigation, and compliance matters assisting in the decision-making processes adhering to the principles of natural justice. The advice focused on risk mitigation balancing public protection and a practitioner's interests, as well as the Boards and AHPRA's reputation.</li> <li>▪ Authorised delegate (decision-maker) with respect to applications for registration, ensuring applicants were both qualified and suitable to be granted registration.</li> <li>▪ Collaborated with the internal legal services team on client matters before QCAT and Performance and Professional Standards Panels.</li> </ul>
<p><b>August 2009 to June 2010</b></p>	<p><b>Senior Registration Officer, Office of the Medical Board of Queensland</b></p> <p><u>Key Responsibilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Acted as a Delegate in the decision making on applications for registration against the <i>Medical Registration Act 2001 (Qld)</i> (repealed), and Board policies and</li> </ul>

	<p>guidelines. Applied the <i>Health Practitioners (Disciplinary Proceedings) Act 1999</i> when assessing applications for re-registration.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drafted complex agenda papers and requests for advice.</li> </ul>
<p><b>June 2007 to August 2009</b></p>	<p><b>A/Senior Trust Officer, Public Trustee of Queensland</b></p> <p><u>Key Responsibilities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Administered the financial matters for 50+ clients of high complexity or risk, where the client had a mental disability and unable to manage their own financial affairs.</li> <li>▪ Provided sound and timely advice to clients and stakeholders on the applicable legislation (<i>Public Trustee Act 1978, Guardianship and Administration Act 2000, Power of Attorney Act 1998, Succession Act 1981</i>).</li> </ul>

### Publications and Presentations

- *Under the Knife*, presentation delivered 2 May 2024 at Hemmant's List Centre. A focused review on the regulatory changes to cosmetic surgery, including the National Safety and Health Quality Cosmetic Surgery Standards and a review of the case authorities and class actions.
- **Stringer, B.**, *Dr Charles Teo: gifted neurosurgeon and a "bit of a maverick". A case review of the Professional Standards Committee Inquiry (2023) 31(8) HLB 134.*
- **Stringer, B.**, *Sexual misconduct: the health practitioner and the patient. It keeps happening. Is it time for law reform? (2023) 31(4) HLB 62.*
- *Pro Hac Vice, "Employment" Alive and Kicking*, Part 2 of the Emerging Vicarious Liability issues series delivered 1 June 2023, for AILA, with Mr K Holyoak.
- *A year in review: how have national and international courts decided abuse claims over the last 12 months*, presentation delivered 27 July 2023, for ALA.
- Cradduck, L., Warren-Myers, G. and **Stringer, B.** (2020) Courts' views on climate change inundation risks for developments: Australian perspectives and considerations for valuers, *Journal of European Real Estate Research*.

### Additional Legal and Community Involvement

- 2023 – Mentor to junior legal practitioners and students through the Women's Legal Association Queensland
- 2022 – Book review for the Bar Association of Queensland publication, *Hearsay*.
- 2019 - Research Assistant to Mr Mark Thomas and Dr Lucy Cradduck. Assisted with the research and editing of a book regarding coaching mooted students. *The Art of Mooting*, was published on 25 October 2019.

### University Achievements

2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint Recipient of the Queensland Law Society Prize, awarded for the best performance in the unit <i>Ethics and the Legal Profession</i> for the 2018 QUT academic year.</li> </ul>
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recipient of the QUT Tom Cain Mooting Trophy for the 2017 academic year.</li> <li>• Recipient of the award for highest grade received in <i>Competition Moot A</i> for the QUT 2017 academic year.</li> <li>• Winner of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Negotiation Outcomes On Time (NOOT) Competition.</li> <li>• Runner-Up LipmanKaras Witness Examination Competition at the Australian Law Students Association (ALSA) Conference.</li> <li>• Semi Finalist AAT Moot Competition.</li> </ul>
2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represented QUT at the International Criminal Court Moot Competition as Victims Counsel. Represented QUT in both the quarter-finals and finals, receiving a score of 100% from one quarter-final judge. QUT placed second runner-up (third) out of 65 competing teams from around the world.</li> </ul>