

NEW MEMBERS

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Foley's List are proud to welcome our March 2021 Readers. The group reflects the diversity of backgrounds and breadth of legal knowledge of Foley's List.

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John Kelly
Chief Clerk/CEO Foley's List

KATE LYLE

Kate practises principally in planning and environment law. She also has experience in land acquisition and compensation proceedings and administrative law matters, including applications for judicial review in the Supreme Court.

Prior to joining the Bar, Kate was a solicitor at Maddocks in the planning and environment team where she gained experience before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Planning Panels Victoria and the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation.

Kate also has significant government experience having worked as a solicitor at both the Department of Premier and Cabinet and the Department of Education and Training.

Most recently, Kate was senior adviser to the Minister for Planning with oversight for major transport infrastructure projects, energy projects and infrastructure proposals requiring an Environment Effects Statement.

Kate is reading with Barnaby Chessell and her senior mentor is Adrian Finanzio SC.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Planning & Environment Law
- Land Acquisition & Compensation
- Public Law
- Judicial Review Proceedings
- Gaming & Liquor Regulation



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MIETTA McDONALD

Mietta accepts briefs in all areas of criminal and quasi-criminal law.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Mietta gained experience as a solicitor advocate at Stary Norton Halphen. During this time, she appeared and instructed daily in pleas, appeals, bail applications, trials, committals and contested hearings in the Magistrates', County and Supreme Courts of Victoria.

Mietta commenced her legal career as an Associate to her Honour Judge Hannan, then Head of the Criminal Division of the County Court. In this capacity, Mietta gained insight and practical experience in complex indictable matters including trials, fitness investigations,

special hearings and supervision order applications.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mietta worked as the legal policy officer in the Magistrates' Court, working with members of the judiciary and senior court stakeholders on significant law reform and policy projects.

Mietta is reading with Sharon Lacy and her senior mentor is Peter Morrissey S.C.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal & Quasi-Criminal Law
- Coronial Inquests
- Disciplinary Tribunals



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VANESSA BACCHETTI

Vanessa accepts brief to appear in and advise on matters involving all aspects of family law and child protection matters, as well as summary criminal matters and employment law.

Hailing from south-west Victoria, Vanessa has worked as a solicitor advocate in Geelong. During her time in practice, Vanessa provided advice and representation to clients in a broad range of family law, family violence and child protection matters.

Immediately prior to coming to the Bar, Vanessa worked within the Federal Circuit Court and Family Court of Australia for various justices, judges, senior registrars and registrars.

Previously, Vanessa was an Associate to her Honour Judge Jones at the Federal Circuit Court of Australia. Being a broad jurisdiction, Vanessa's experience and interests are equally as diverse.

Her Honour mentored Vanessa in family law, migration law, employment law and human rights law.

Vanessa is reading with Jeffrey Stanley and her senior mentor is Minal Vohra SC.

She is a member of the Family Law Bar Association, Children's Court Bar Association, Industrial Bar Association and Women's Bar Association. Vanessa is also a part of the Bar's LGBTIQ Working Group.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Family Law
- Child Protection
- Criminal Law
- Employment Law



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SOPHIE STAFFORD

Sophie accepts briefs to appear and advise in criminal and quasi-criminal matters.

Sophie comes to the Bar with a strong foundation in advocacy and written work in criminal and regulatory matters.

As a solicitor for over four years with Doogue + George and, before that, Dribbin & Brown, she appeared daily in contested and uncontested matters. She developed comprehensive litigation skills in indictable crime as well as royal commissions, coronial inquiries, coercive hearings and professional disciplinary matters.

Most recently, she was an associate to Judge Michael O'Connell at the County Court of Victoria.

Sophie is reading with Ruth Shann and her senior mentor is Chris Carr SC.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law
- Professional Disciplinary Proceedings
- Royal Commissions
- Inquests and Inquiries
- Occupational Health & Safety



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TIM MCCULLOCH

Tim accepts briefs in criminal law and quasi-criminal matters. He has appeared in indictable matters in all Victorian jurisdictions and is available to appear in contested hearings, committals, pleas and bail applications.

Tim also accepts briefs in administrative and public law matters, employment law matters and in regulatory and disciplinary tribunals.

Tim comes to the bar with 12 years of experience as a solicitor advocate. In 2016 he was accredited as a criminal law specialist by the Law Institute of Victoria.

Before coming to the Bar, Tim was a principal solicitor at the Office of Public Prosecutions with a particular expertise in homicides, sexual offences and fraud matters. Prior to that he was a senior solicitor at Victoria Legal Aid and at the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service, where he oversaw the indictable crime practice.

Tim has experience in the conduct of judicial review proceedings, on behalf of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs in the United Kingdom, where the taxation decisions under review routinely exceeded £10m.

Tim started his career in regional Victoria in 2009 where his areas of practice included commercial and employment litigation alongside his criminal law practice.

Tim is reading with Michael Stanton at Brian Bourke Chambers and his senior mentor is Colin Mandy SC.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law
- Public and Administrative Law
- Coronial Inquests
- Employment Law
- Disciplinary Matters



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NADIA DELTONDO

Nadia accepts briefs to appear and advise in all criminal law and quasi-criminal law matters including occupational health and safety, disciplinary matters, regulatory prosecutions, compensation applications, judicial reviews, coronial inquests and royal commissions.

Nadia has extensive experience having worked as a solicitor in criminal law for 16 years. She has appeared regularly in the Magistrates' and County Courts. She has significant experience in highly complex indictable matters in all areas.

She also assisted and drafted submissions in matters relating to appeals arising from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants 2019 to 2021.

Nadia provided training in relation to the implementation of the *Evidence Act 2008* and

Criminal Procedure Act 2009 in 2009 and 2010 along with Christopher Beale (now Justice Beale).

Nadia is also the co-author with Professor Richard Fox for the well-regarded text book *Victorian Criminal Procedure: State and Federal Law*.

Nadia is reading with Jason Gullaci and her senior mentor is Elizabeth Ruddle QC.

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- Disciplinary Tribunals
- Royal Commissions
- Coronial Inquires
- Coronial Inquests
- Judicial Review Proceedings

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JENNIFER BALL

Jennifer welcomes briefs to appear and advise in criminal and quasi-criminal matters, public and administrative law matters, and inquests and inquiries.

Jennifer is an experienced advocate, having previously been admitted to the Canadian Bar, where she appeared regularly in a broad range of complex criminal matters across all jurisdictions.

Prior to joining the Victorian Bar, Jennifer was Associate to the Honourable Justice Lasry in the Supreme Court of Victoria, sitting in the Criminal Trial Division and Court of Appeal.

Jennifer is reading with Rishi Nathwani and her senior mentor is Dermot Dann QC.

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- Criminal Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions
- Public Law & Administrative Law
- Occupational Health & Safety



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