

NEW MEMBERS

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Foley's List are proud to welcome our October 2020 readers. The group reflect's 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

BRIDIE KELLY

Bridie has a broad practice, and accepts briefs in criminal and quasi-criminal matters, public and administrative law matters, inquests and inquiries.

Prior to joining the Bar, Bridie worked as Senior Associate to Chief Judge Kidd in the County Court and Senior Associate to the Honourable Justice Kaye in the Court of Appeal, gaining experience in criminal trials and criminal and civil appeals.

During her time at the County Court, Bridie also worked on significant law reform and policy projects, community engagement programs, and prepared judicial professional development workshops delivered by the Chief Judge.

Before this, Bridie was a solicitor advocate at a criminal defence firm for a number of years, providing advice and representation to clients in a broad range criminal matters across all jurisdictions, including in serious indictable matters. As a solicitor advocate, Bridie appeared frequently in the Magistrates' and County Courts, and instructed counsel in all Victorian courts.

Bridie holds a Bachelor Laws (First Class

Honours) and Bachelor of Arts majoring in Politics and History from Monash University.

Bridie is reading with Sharon Lacy and her Senior Mentor is Neil Clelland QC.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal & Quasi-Criminal Law
- Public & Administrative Law
- Human Rights
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Inquest, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions



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SIMON THOMAS

Simon has a broad practice and currently accepts briefs in all areas, with a particular focus on administrative, regulatory, criminal and quasi-criminal matters. He has 15 years' experience advising on and appearing in proceedings before Victorian and international courts and tribunals.

Simon has appeared in judicial review and merits review proceedings, and has defended and prosecuted disciplinary and regulatory matters, including investigations into corruption, fraud, bribery, and corporate crime. He has also participated in judicial, governmental and regulatory inquiries, including in commissions, inquests, and boards of inquiry.

Immediately prior to coming to the Bar, Simon was Senior Associate to the Honourable Justice Taylor of the Supreme Court of Victoria. He was involved in her Honour's work in complex trials, plea hearings and appeals, as well as in matters involving judicial review. Before that, Simon was a lawyer with the United Nations for 10 years, based in New York, Afghanistan, and Paris. He acted as counsel for the Secretary-General in litigation and arbitration in administrative, human rights, criminal, commercial, and tort law matters.

He has also been the lead advisor on specific investigations to the former Chief Justice of Tanzania and Chief of Prosecutions of the Rwandan War Crimes Tribunal.

Simon is also admitted to the Bar in New York and holds law degrees from Monash University and the University of Melbourne, for which he has received scholarships and honours respectively. He has a long history of volunteering and is on the Executive Committee of the International Commission of Jurists (Victoria).

Simon is reading with Raelene Sharp and his Senior Mentor is Peter Gray QC.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

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- Civil Liberties
- Criminal Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunal & Commissions
- International Law



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