

# NEW READERS

# FOLEY'S LIST

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Foley's List is proud to introduce our new Readers who are now accepting briefs in many different areas of law.

We are confident this excellent group will provide the best representation for their clients. This reflects the high standard and breadth of legal knowledge at Foley's List.

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Public & Administrative Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions
- Commercial Law

David practises primarily in public law with a particular interest in government work including royal commissions and inquiries, anti-corruption commissions, and other work at the nexus between law and public policy. David also accepts briefs in commercial law, including regulatory matters and planning and environment law.

Before coming to the Bar, David was Chief of Staff to Mark Dreyfus KC MP, where he worked on matters across the federal Attorney-General's portfolio, both in Opposition and in Government. David also worked as a Senior Adviser in the Climate Change and Environment portfolios for several years, with a particular focus on assessments and approvals under the EPBC Act.

Prior to work with the federal government, David taught criminal law and international law at the University of Melbourne,

and worked as an independent legal consultant on parliamentary inquiries, the Royal Commission into the Metropolitan Ambulance Service and the ACT Coroner's Inquiry into the 2003 Bushfires. David has also worked at the Victorian Department of Justice, and commenced his legal career at Mallesons in dispute resolution and litigation.

David holds honours degrees in Arts and Law, and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Melbourne.

David is reading with Gabi Crafti, and his senior mentor is Matthew Collins AM KC.

## LEIGH CROSBIE BA, LLB



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

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

Leigh accepts briefs to appear in criminal, quasi-criminal, regulatory and public law matters including inquests and tribunals.

Leigh specialises in occupational health and safety matters and criminal law. He has a particular interest in regulatory and public law, including matters before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal and coronial inquests.

Before coming to the Bar Leigh was a Lead Lawyer at WorkSafe Victoria, where he conducted high-profile and complex occupational health and safety prosecutions across the construction, manufacturing and agricultural industries. He appeared regularly in the Magistrates' Court, conducted merits review of inspector decisions and provided advice on investigations, coercive powers, infringements, inspector training, psychosocial risks and COVID-19.

Leigh was also a Principal Solicitor at the Victorian Government Solicitors Office, where he advised a range of government departments on occupational health and safety law matters.

Prior to WorkSafe and the VGSO, Leigh worked as a Solicitor at the Office of Public Prosecutions where he prepared matters for trial and appeared in the Magistrates' and County Courts. Leigh had conduct of a broad range of matters across all jurisdictions involving violence, property, sex, fraud and drug related offences. Leigh was an Associate in the County Court of Victoria to her Honour Judge Hampel AM SC.

Leigh is reading with Karen Argiropoulos and his Senior Mentor is Daniel Gurchich KC.

## JOSH CUNNINGHAM LLB



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law
- Intervention Orders
- Child Protection
- Family Law

Josh accepts briefs to appear in criminal and quasi-criminal law matters across all metropolitan and regional courts.

Josh also accepts briefs to appear in family law, intervention order and child protection proceedings.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Josh practised as a solicitor advocate at Victoria Legal Aid's Ringwood, Ballarat and Broadmeadows offices. He appeared as an advocate regularly in the Magistrates' Court, Children's Court and County Court across a range of summary and indictable matters, including bail applications, plea hearings, appeals, committal mentions and contested hearings. Whilst at Victoria Legal Aid, Josh kept carriage of a large volume of complex indictable matters including sexual offences, drug trafficking and serious violent offences.

Before working at Victoria Legal Aid, Josh worked with a boutique law firm that specialised in criminal and family law.

Josh is reading with Adrian Kennedy and his senior mentor is David Hallowes SC.

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## HETTY DE CRESPIGNY BA(HONS), LLB(HONS)



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law
- Intervention Orders
- Native Title
- Environmental & Planning Law
- Public & Administrative Law

Hetty accepts briefs in all areas of criminal, quasi-criminal, public and administrative law.

Prior to joining the Bar Hetty was a senior solicitor at Victoria Legal Aid where she worked for four years as a solicitor advocate. She also practised in the Northern Territory for over three years where she worked for the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency and for the Central Land Council in Alice Springs.

Hetty comes to the Bar with a broad range of experience in serious criminal matters in the Magistrates Court, Children's Court, County Court and Supreme Court including contested hearings, County Court and Supreme Court (NT) pleas, committal proceedings and sentence appeals. She also has experience appearing in VCAT in tenancy matters.

Hetty has worked extensively in Native Title and matters arising under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 including the negotiation of mining and access agreements and sacred site protection. She also has experience in environmental protection matters and the Australian Carbon Credit Unit Scheme.

Hetty holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Bachelor of Laws (Hons) from Monash University and speaks fluent French.

Hetty is reading with Aggy Kapitaniak and her senior mentors are Thomas Keely SC and Julian P McMahon AC SC.

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- Criminal Law
- Intervention Orders
- Public & Administrative Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions

Candice accepts briefs in all areas of criminal and quasi-criminal law and public and administrative law.

Prior to joining the Bar, Candice was a solicitor advocate at Galbally Parker Lawyers, providing advice and representation to clients in a broad range of State and Commonwealth criminal matters, including serious indictable offences. Candice has extensive experience in the Magistrates' Court and County Court and has instructed counsel in all Victorian courts.

Candice started her career as a legal research assistant at Gorman Chambers and William Crockett Chambers. Candice went on to accept a role supporting the Board of Inquiry into the Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry. Candice was also a solicitor advocate with Victoria Legal Aid, appearing

in criminal law and intervention order matters.

Candice was Associate to his Honour Judge James Montgomery, and later to his Honour Judge Bill Stuart in the criminal division of the County Court of Victoria. At the County Court, Candice also worked as Case Manager for Self-Represented Litigants in the civil jurisdiction and as a Legal Policy Officer for the court.

Candice is a lecturer on Evidence at Deakin University.

Candice is a committee member of Tarwirri – a membership body comprising Indigenous legal professionals and law students in Victoria, Australia.

Candice is reading with Sam Tovey and her Senior Mentor is Ruth Shann SC.

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law
- Appellate
- Public & Administrative Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions
- Government

Ben is an experienced advocate who primarily practises in criminal and quasi-criminal matters, as well as regulatory and enforcement proceedings, inquests, inquiries, government and public law matters.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Ben was a Principal Solicitor Advocate for the Office of Public Prosecutions Victoria, and a Principal Federal Prosecutor with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions where he gained experience in a number of areas including complex drug prosecutions, sex offences, white collar crime and fraud, regulatory offences, crimes against the person, dangerous driving causing death and serious injury, and serious property offences.

Ben has appeared frequently in the Magistrates and County Courts including in contested committal hearings, plea hearings, bail applications, appeals and summary hearings.

Ben spent most of his career at the CDPP, where Ben's practice included complex organised crime, foreign interference and counter terrorism prosecutions and appeals. Ben instructed in the AB & EF v CD (Lawyer X) High Court proceedings and managed the subsequent appeals in the Court of Appeal. Ben has experience providing high level advice and training to government agencies and dealing with sensitive evidence, complex suppression orders and public interest immunity claims.

Ben holds a NV2 security clearance from the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency.

Ben is reading with Shaun Ginsbourg and his senior mentor is Rae Sharp SC.

## AARON LANE BCOM, LLB(HONS), MA, PHD



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Commercial Law
- Corporations & Securities Law
- Technology & Media Law
- Public & Administrative Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions

Dr Aaron Lane accepts briefs to advise and appear in all matters of commercial, public law and white-collar crime.

Aaron has internationally recognised expertise in blockchain technology and cryptocurrencies and has a strong interest in matters involving economic or financial evidence.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Aaron was Special Counsel at Duxton Hill specialising in fraud, misconduct and financial crime. In this role he gained significant experience with matters involving AML/CTF obligations, employee misconduct, directors' duties, freedom of information, investment scams, proceeds of crime, shareholder disputes, and regulatory enforcement.

Aaron commenced his legal career as a lawyer at Maddocks. In this role he acted in administrative law proceedings (judicial and merits review) and summary crime prosecutions. He also advised clients on anti-corruption legislation, commercial agreements, corporate governance, property transactions, and state taxation.

Aaron is a Senior Lecturer in Law at RMIT University and Senior Research Fellow in the RMIT Blockchain Innovation Hub. He holds an honorary appointment at the UCL Centre for Blockchain Technologies. Aaron has published widely and has co-authored three books and several peer reviewed articles in leading academic journals.

Aaron holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from Deakin University, a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the College of Law, a Graduate Diploma and Master of Arts from the University of Divinity, and a Doctor of Philosophy from RMIT University.

Aaron is a member of the Blockchain Expert Group at Business at OECD and a member of the Digital Commerce Committee at the Law Council of Australia.

Aaron is reading with Thomas Warner and his senior mentor is Dr Charles Parkinson KC.

## LIZ MAIN BA, JD



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Common Law
- Commercial Law
- Defamation
- Intentional Torts
- Technology and Media Law

Liz Main has broad experience in common law and commercial law, having previously worked as a judge's associate to their Honours Judges Clayton, Marks and Trapnell across the common law and commercial divisions of the County Court of Victoria.

Her experience traverses the full range of common law proceedings, including intentional torts, negligence, Workcover and TAC matters, with familiarity in jury trials, causes, serious injury applications and interlocutory disputes.

As a former legal affairs journalist for the Australian Financial Review and, most recently, the associate to the Judge in Charge of the Defamation List in the County Court, Liz also has expertise in defamation and media law. She has been at the forefront of recent decisions on the

new serious harm element and concerns notice requirements.

Liz has also worked for Slater and Gordon Lawyers where she garnered experience with shareholder and bushfire class actions.

Since 2020, Liz has been an active member of Victorian Women Lawyers' publications committee, including presiding as co-chair for two years.

Liz holds Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts degrees from the University of Melbourne.

She is reading with Sandip Mukerjea. Her senior mentor is Georgina Schoff KC.

## JAMIE O'REGAN LLB (HONS)



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Building & Construction Law
- Commercial Law
- Insurance & Professional Negligence Law
- Bankruptcy & Insolvency Law
- Public & Administrative Law

Jamie acts across a broad spectrum of commercial law with particular interest in construction, insurance, and bankruptcy/insolvency law.

Jamie provides clear and pragmatic advice for his clients involved in complex commercial disputes and litigation.

Jamie is a versatile advocate and is experienced acting for clients, both private and institutional, in all levels of Victorian Courts and Tribunals. During his 6 years as a solicitor, Jamie acted for some of Australia's largest financial institutions and insurers in relation to proceedings in the NSW and QLD Supreme Courts, as well as the Federal Court.

Jamie has extensive experience in negotiations and mediations having acted for the Victorian Government insurer in connection with numerous litigated

domestic building warranty insurance claims flowing from the recent insolvency of several volume domestic builders.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Jamie was a Senior Associate at Lander & Rogers in their construction insurance team, and prior to that, he was a solicitor at Gadens Lawyers in the corporate recoveries team.

In 2023, Jamie was recognised by Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in the category of litigation.

Jamie is reading with David Klempfner and his senior mentor is Timothy Margetts KC.

## EVAN RITLI BA(HONS), MIR, JD



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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Criminal Law
- Public & Administrative Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions
- Public International Law

Evan has a wealth of experience in criminal, quasi-criminal, and public law and accepts briefs in these and related areas.

Immediately before coming to the Bar, Evan worked for the Office of the Special Investigator where he assisted the Special Investigator, the Hon Mark Weinberg AO KC, on complex legal issues relating to the investigation of allegations of war crimes committed in Afghanistan.

Prior to this, Evan was a senior solicitor with the Police Advisory Branch of the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office, and a solicitor with Victoria's Office of Public Prosecutions. He commenced his legal career as an Associate to the Honourable Justice Maree Kennedy in the Trial Division of the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Evan also has significant international legal experience. This includes working as a Legal Consultant for the United Nations at

the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (the 'Khmer Rouge Tribunal') and working with the Solomon Islands' Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions as part of an Australian Government-funded development program.

Evan holds postgraduate degrees in Law and International Relations. As a student, he received numerous awards and honours, and was appointed Editor of the Monash University Law Review.

Evan has held a high-level AGSVA security clearance and accepts briefs requiring a security clearance.

Evan is reading with Dr Gideon Boas and his senior mentor is Patrick Doyle SC.

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### AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Public & Administrative Law
- Inquests, Inquiries, Tribunals & Commissions

Jasmine has broad public law experience, including inquests, supervision orders, administrative law, professional disciplinary proceedings and summary criminal law. She has acted in complex cases involving application of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and principles of public interest immunity.

Jasmine was an Associate to the Hon Chief Justice Allsop AC of the Federal Court of Australia (as His Honour then was). She was then Tipstaff to the Hon Justice Bergin AO SC, Chief Judge in Equity of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (as Her Honour then was). In these roles Jasmine assisted with diverse proceedings, including in migration, native title and equity.

She practiced as a lawyer at the Australian Government Solicitor, including advising on constitutional and statutory interpretation and acting in litigation involving Commonwealth compensation and employment law.

Jasmine then practiced at the Victorian Government Solicitor's Office for five years where she represented the Victorian government in inquests, personal injury claims, judicial review applications, supervision orders under the *Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997*, summary criminal prosecutions and privacy, freedom of information and discrimination cases.

Prior to coming to the bar, Jasmine was a Senior Associate at Russell Kennedy Lawyers, where her practice included disciplinary proceedings for the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and complex inquests.

Jasmine holds a Bachelor of Arts/Laws (First Class Honours) from the Australian National University. She was awarded the University Medal in Law and the Supreme Court Judges' Prize.

She is reading with Liam Brown (Crown Counsel).

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- Criminal Law
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Ran accepts briefs in all areas of criminal law, quasi-criminal law, administrative and public law.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Ran was a solicitor advocate at Victoria Legal Aid and later at Stary Norton Halphen. Ran worked daily across summary and indictable streams with carriage of both state and commonwealth matters.

Ran appeared in contested hearings, pleas, conviction and sentence appeals, bail applications, breach proceedings, Crimes Mental Impairment and Fitness to be Tried hearings, summary jurisdiction applications, and SORA hearings and contested hearings. Ran was also an instructing solicitor in complex pleas, appeals, trials and committals in the Magistrates', County and Supreme Courts of Victoria. Ran has also appeared in the

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia in relation to parenting matters arising out of family violence intervention orders.

Ran commenced her legal career as an Associate to his Honour Judge Anthony Kelly at the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia working across family, migration and general law lists.

Ran is reading with Moya O'Brien and her senior mentors are the Honourable Anthony Kelly KC and Jason Gullaci SC.

# ENGAGING A FOLEY'S LIST BARRISTER

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