

Rachel Walsh is an experienced litigator focused on practical results. She is briefed regularly in the areas of:

- Judicial review.
- Merits review.
- Public law.
- Commercial law.
- Civil penalty claims.
- OHS.
- Coronial inquests.
- Inquiries and investigations including:
  - Commissions of Inquiry and Royal Commissions.
  - Parliamentary inquiries.
  - Anti-corruption inquiries (such as before IBAC).
  - Disciplinary inquiries.
  - Conducting internal investigations.
  - Conducting compulsory examinations.

Previously a solicitor in private practice for 20 years (including 12 as a partner in a large commercial firm), she understands the demands of a busy legal practice and is known for giving timely, practical and strategic advice that is tailored to the individual needs of the client.

Rachel is briefed by a wide range of clients including:

- Solicitors in private practice (in large and small firms)
- In-house counsel
- Officers of State and Federal government agencies.

Rachel was an inaugural member of the LIV's Administrative Law Specialisation Committee, was Chair of the Australian Institute of Administrative Law (Victoria) and President of Reprieve Australia.

Rachel founded Inquire Australia and is an inaugural member of the Victorian Bar's Innovation and Technology Committee and a member of the Bar's CPD sub-committee.

The following are examples of reported matters in which Rachel has appeared since coming to the Bar:

- *Operation Ord, Operation Dunham and Operation Lansdowne* (IBAC integrity and corruption inquiries)
- *Hird v Chief Executive of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority* [2014] FCA 1090
- *Hird v Chief Executive of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority* [2015] 227 FCR 95
- *Department of Health and Human Services v Herald and Weekly Times P/L* [2015] VCAT 906
- *Hon Robert Clark MP v Department of Justice and Regulation* [2015] VCAT 1348
- *Smeaton v Transport Accident Commission* [2015] VCAT 1130
- *Smeaton v Transport Accident Commission* [2015] VCAT 1705
- *Harrison v Victorian Building Authority* [2015] VCAT 1791
- *Munday v Transport Accident Commission* [2015] VCAT 2023
- *Elliott v Repatriation Commission* [2015] AATA 894

- *Hird v Chubb Insurance Co of Australia* [2016] VSC 174
- *Ritson v Director of Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate & Anor* [2016] FCCA 2933
- *Ritson v Director of Fair Work Building Industry Inspectorate & Anor (No 2)* [2016] FCCA 3466
- *Hansell v Repatriation Commission* [2016] AATA 893
- *Harrison v Victorian Building Authority* [2017] VCAT 108
- *CFA v McGregor* [2017] VCAT 582
- *CFA v Hicks* [2017] VCAT 1880
- *Colonial Range Pty Ltd v Victorian Building Authority* [2017] VCAT 1198
- *Australian Workers' Union v Registered Organisations Commissioner* [2017] FCA 1554
- *Australian Building and Construction Commission v Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union and Ors (Bendigo Theatre Case)* [2018] FCA 122
- *Australian Building and Construction Commission v Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union and Ors (The Brooker Highway Case)* [2018] FCA 1081
- *Inquest into the Death of Rohan Grindrod* (Finding delivered on 6.6.18; concerning the provision of personal care and community support services, and operability of medical alert technology)
- *RXF v Department of Health and Human Services* [2019] VCAT 65
- *Chopra v Department of Education and Training* [2019] VCAT 174